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Referee escorted

Muslims defied curiew orders con-guing them to their homes for the second straight day after the Kash-mir valley's largest demonstration.

against Indian rule, witnesses said.

Hundreds of paramitery police and border guards were rushed back.

to Kashmir after at least 60 people

were shot to death on Thursday by army and paramilitary troops, police and airport sources said. The killings

occurred as an estimated 1 million

Mustim demonstrators converged

on Stinger to press demands for independence from India, according

Srinagar's streets were descrited.

today except for government patrols and a few small groups of curfew violators. The curfew has been in

effect since 4 am Friday (2230 GMT-

Thursday). As in previous curfews in the Kashmir valley, the troops had orders to shoot curfew violators on

sight, Indian news media reported.

Paramilitary police shot and killed Muslim man today in the old down-wn area of Srinagar, centre of the

militant movement, when 20 to 30 people came out of their homes in defiance of the curiew, witnesses

The US State Department said yesterday it had appealed to the

passed in a street in the Hamra district.

to estimates from witnesses:

Kashmiris defy

US deplores loss of life

SRINAGAR, finding March 3, (AP): Indian government to prevent the use

curfew orders

The referee and linesmen of the Iraq-UAE match being escorted out of the field by securitymen after the

of excessive force against the prote-

Kashmir. We are disturbed at the

rising number of casualties," State Department spokeswoman Mar-

garet Tutwiler said in Washington.

police and border guards landed at Srinagar airport last night and this morning and more were expected.

the sources said.
A leader in Pakistan-held Kashmir

warned India today that Kashmiris

will invade its troubled state of

Jammu-Kashmir, where at least 163

Azad Muslim Conference, said

demonstrators will march to the Pak-

istani border town of Chakhoti on

March 9 but "this is only a warning, a dress rehearsal," he said.

ceasefire line very soon, in a matter of

weeks," he told a news conference.

"We can no longer allow India to torture young Kashmiris, to allow

Indian troops to kill hundreds of Kashmiris in one day," he said.

Calling Pakistan-held Kashmir "a base camp of Kashmir," Mahmood said: "Not only do we intend to

attack them (India), we should also

prepare ourselves defensively. We are in a sort of war situation."

"We are going to cross the

Sultan Mahmood, president of

people have died.

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# withdraws from Gulf (

March 3: A senior Iraqi deration, official told the Arab Irao had decided to withdraw Oth Arab Gulf Cup football il. currently being held at

The official added that this decision was taken last night at a meeting chaired by Karim Al Mulla, who led the Iraqi delegation to the tournament but flew back to Baghdad yesterday.

Iraq, who went to the top of the standings today after their 2-2 draw with World Cup finalists United Arab Emirates, did the tournament.

This is the second time that Iraq has withdrawn from the Gulf tournament, the last time being in 1982 in Abu Dhabi, when they decided not to play in the final against Kuwait resulting in the latter becoming the champions. Iraq started taking part in the tournament from 1976 Iraq played most of today's match with 10 men after Adan Derjal, a Mexico World

Cup veteran, was sent off by the referee. Besides Iraq, the other country to have withdrawn from the Gulf tournament is Bahrain, in 1972, when the event was being hosted by Saudi Arabia.

# srael agrees to talk

# Shamir accepts US formula for dialogue with Palestinians

MED JERUSALEM, March 3, (Agencies): Hardline Prime r Yitzhak Shamir has accepted a US compromise formula that ave the way for preliminary peace talks between Palestinian ael delegations, Israeli television reported today.

met with cabinet ministers of his right-wing Likud bloc at his home in today to win backing for the plan proposed by US Secretary of State ker, the report said. L'S proposal demands a

nswer from Shamir this m whether the Israeli ent is ready to accept the ation of Palestinians in egation who have been in a census as residents occupied territories, the

i would be able to reject sed delegates. inir has accepted this genoposal, the report said.

addition to the formula tai "among the Palestinian entatives will be deportees alestinians from the terrwho also have an apartor a place of work in em." the report said. er does not expect a public

Inadequate safety

CAIRO, March 3, (Renter): An

Egyptian government report has biamed inadequate safety precantions for the high death toll in a fire that destroyed a lux-try Cairo hotel on Thursday.

But the preliminary Interior

Ministry report, widely reported in the local media today, brought a swift retort from the hotel

equipped with safety devices according to local regulations.

ABU DHABI, March 3, (AP): Soviet ambassador Felix Fedotov today urged the Arabs to co-operate with Moscow to contain a feared flood of Soviet

Jewish emigrants into the Israeli-occupied West bank and Gaza

Strip.
He said the Israelis were

gerating reports about the number of Soviet Jews expected to

to Israel, following Moscow

relaxation of emigration regulations, in an apparent effort block the Middle East

process.

Israeli leaders have said a many as 750,000 Soviet Jews may emigrate to Israel.

Militants arrested

CAIRO, March 3, (Reuter)

Police have arrested 57 Must

militants suspected of setting fir to a church and Christian her

and shops in a small town of upper Egypt, security source

said today. Scores of Muslim hard

went on a rampage pesterday in the Nile-side forms of Alexandra (155 miles south of Cairo, followin rumours that a Christian we employing Muslim wessen in prostitution ring. (See Page 8)

Rocket hits Kabul

(Reuter); Afghan rebels fightin

the Soviet-backed government

third day running today, killing child and wounding eight other people, official Kabut Radi

The radio, monitored islamabad, said three US-mad

Cluster-type" surface-to-surface rockets hit housing areas

Smugglers killed

NICOSIA, March 1, (AP): Iran ian security forces billed an undis

closed number of drug sangeler today in a 32-hour battle in which

heficopter gunships were called in to strafe the heavily armed traf

fichers in Kerman province fichers in Kerman province Telman Radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored it Nacosin, said another 10 dru smigglers were killed in a nation wide, week long sweep across the colimary.

Smiling babies

LONDON, March 3, (K:203 bies who receive stim

the Afghan capital.

Jewish influx

(See Page 8) .

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eportees and representatives Israeli-annexed Arab East talem have been the main king points in efforts to sch the preliminary peace

kud hardliners have staunopposed the participation of prices and East Jerusalemites Palestinian delegation, say-inis would allow the PLO to er talks through the back East Jerusalem has been one

issue delaying talks on amir's proposal for Arabelecin occupied territories. Israel captured East

rusalem, now home to 140,000 lestinians, along with the West ank and Gaza in the 1967 war aid declared an undivided rusalem its capital.

The television said Shamir and is top three ministers, including abour leaders, would assure the nited States privately that emiories and those who had an partment or office in East erusalem could join the talks, so ong as they were registered in the territories.

The United States, Israel's closes: ally, opened a dialogue with the PLO 14 months of ago and has been trying to bring Israelis and Palestinians together amid an anti-Israel uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, now nearly 27 months old.

After receiving Israel's positive response, Baker will summon his Israeli and Egyptian counterparts to discuss which Palestinians will take part, Israel television said.

Shamir, Peres, Likud Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Labour Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin were due to meet lomorrow.

## Weather

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Miss USA

Miss Michigan Carole Gist waves to the crowd after she was crowned Miss USA.
(Reuter wirephoto) (See Page 5)

talks with Palestinians registered as residents of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The formula clears the way for Israel to accept talks in Cairo without having to confront the PLO demand that Palestinians who live in Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem

The television report said the formula to be voted on by the policy-making inner cabinet next week would only require Israel to state its willingness to hold

Full agreement on prices and output

# Big 3 back Opec policy

KUWAIT, March 3, (Agencies): The oil ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq said today they agreed completely on supporting Opec prices and output policies, the Kuwaiti news agency Kuna reported. But the Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries'
"big three" made no mention of the price they want the group to adopt when its 13 oil ministers meet in Vienna on March 16. "The talks resulted in a com-

plete agreement concerning the need to support the resolutions adopted hy Opec and to work to maintain stability in the oil market in the interest of all oil producing countries," Kuna

Sources close to the meeting said the three ministers Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa of Kuwait, Hisham Al Nazer of Saudi Arabia and Irag's Issam Al Chalibi, were in "full agreement" about the need to support Opec's They also agreed to work to

stabilise the international oil market in the interests of all oil producers, the sources said. Officials and oil industry sources told Reuters earlier today

that Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, was siding with Iraq in seeking higher oil They said both countries

appeared to favour a new range of about \$20 a barrel, two dollars ged to defend at its last November meeting when it set an overall output ceiling of 22.086 million. Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah

last month acknowledged that his country was overproducing to prevent prices from rising above Opec's reference price of \$18 a barrel.

He is a strong proponent of a freeze of up to four years on the present price range to maintain strong demand.

# Grenade explodes near Cory's palace: troops warned

MANILA, March 3, (Agencies): A 15-year-old youth was injured when a grenade exploded today in a parked car a few hundred metres (yards) from

President Corazon Aquino's palace, police said.

They said they were still investigating the incident which came following rumours of a fresh

coup by army rebels to overthrow Aquino. The Philippine military has been on alert since the arrest on Tuesday of opposition Senator Juan Ponce Enrile on charges of rebellion and murder for allegedly backing the bloody December coup

Police, who have defused three bombs in the past two weeks in Manila's financial district, said they did not know who was responsible for the grenade

In another development, Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos warned government troops today against joining a mutinous northern governor who has taken over a town hall and has vowed to resist efforts to arrest him on rebellion charges.

Ramos said the government was trying to persuade Governor Rodolfo Aguinaldo of Cagayan province, 220 miles (355 km) north of Manila, to

surrender but was ready to use force to arrest the fugitive official.

Aguinaldo, a former constabulary colonet and anti-guerrilla warfare expert, faces charges of rebellion and murder in Manila in the December

Officials said Aguinaldo fled the Cagayan capital of Tuguegarao on Tucsday, hours before an arrest warrant was to be served, and has holed up in the logging town of Gattaran with his private army of hill tribesmen and communist rebei returnees.

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**Beirut Sunni cleric shot** 

BEIRUT, March 3, (Reuter): A gumman seriously wounded a senior Sunni Minsinn cleric in Syrian-policed West Beirut yesterday, security

They said the man fired a pistol at Sheikh Yahya Al Barazi as he

The sources said Barazi, in his 40s, was hit by several bullets and

The unidentified gumman left no sign of a motive for the attack on

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Barazi who heads a group of Sunni Muslim religious scholars.

rushed to the nearby American University Hospital. Barazi is still

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# Tamil 'independence a big joke'

COLOMBO, March 3, (Agencies): The Sri Lankan government brushed aside today as a "big joke" the unilateral declaration of independence (UDI) by the north-east provincial council Chief Minister, Varatharaia Perumat

The island's Foreign Minister, Ranjan Wijeratne, when asked to comment on Perumal's UDI made said it is "nothing but a big joke."

All opposition political parties yester-day reacted with a firm "no" to the UDI. Parties that reacted negatively to the

By Thomas Abraham

Arab Times correspondant NEW DELHI, March 3; Once

again, people in many parts of

India, mainly the Hindi bear-

tland, bave reaffirmed their

desire for a change. That is the

clear message that emerged from

the results of this week's assembly elections in eight states and

one union territory.
The Congress, which was thr-

own out of power at the centre in

the general elections last Novem-

ber, has now been ousted in all

bnt two of the states which went

to the polls this time. Like

November, the defeat of the

Congress has been decisive, with

the voters apparently not making

any distinction between the Lok

For the Congress, its perfor-

Sabha and the state assemblies.

mance in Maharashtra has been

the only saving grace. It won 142

of the 288 seats, just short of an

absolute majority. But then it has

been able to muster the support

of ten independents and Sharad

Pawar has earned yet another

In Bihar, the poll process is likely to continue till mid-March. With the unprecedented violence

term as chief minister.

Indians reaffirm

desire for change

UDI are the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the Communist Party, the Lanka Sama Samajaparty the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna and the Nava Sama Samaja

Sri Lanka's leading trade unions, too, condemned the UDI and expressed surprise at the move made hy Perumal.

The Indian high commission (embassy) in Sri Lanka said yesterday in a communique the Indian government does not in any way recognise the "Eelam" call. (Eelam is the name by which the north-east

during the elections, repoll has been ordered in nearly 1,200

booths. All the same, results available so far indicate that the

next government could be for-

med by a coalition led by the

So far, 207 of the assembly's 324 races had been decided. The

Congress Party won 43, the

National Front 83, the Bharatiya

Janata Party 22 and the others

shared by smaller parties and

people have given a clear verdict in their favour that the Janata

Dal and the BJP are facing some

headaches, mainly related to the

ministry-making process. But

these problems are slowly being

In Gujarat, the BJP had

initially objected to supporting Janata Dal leader Chimanbhai

Patel as chief minister in view of

the charges of corruption that be

attracted during his previous ten-

ure in the early seventies. The

Dal, with 70 seats in the 182-

member assembly, needed the backing of the BJP to form the

government there.

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of the island is called by the separatist Tamil militants).

But Perumal affirmed that he stands by his decision to form an independent Tamil nation, said the Colombo-appointed governor of the northeast province, Major ieneral Nalin Seneviratne today.

Seneviratne reported the Tamil position after a 30 minute discussion with Perumal in the northeastern port district town of

Mr Perumal stands by his resolutions and the 19 demands (for autonomy) placed before the Sri Lankan government," he said. "I will be studying the statement made by Mr Perumal and the implications of the resolution moved declaring the democratic republic of Eelam. I will be informing the government about my opinion on it after studying these proposals carefully .... especially as it violates the six amendment to the constitution."

The government agent in Trincomalce (the principal government official) K.B. Wijekoon said the administration in the

from the standpoint of mutual

Shigeo Takenaka, deputy

spokesman for the Japanese

Foreign Ministry, said that to

solve the difficult trade issues,

"we must continue to strength

co-operation in other areas,

such as aid to Latin America and

the emerging democracies in

"We certainly didn't sense any ambush here," he said when asked whether the Americans

were coming down hard on

in Palm Springs from nearby Los

Angeles yesterday within min-

utes of each other and rode in

from the airport together in the

President's armoured limousine.

Bush congratulated Kaifu on his

election victory last month and

"emphasised the importance of

our security relationship," Fitz-

During the 25-minute ride,

Bush and Kaifu both arrived

co-operation.'

Eastern Europe.

Tokyo over trade.

## Ritual killings

KUALA LUMPUR, March 3, (AP): Police in the east Malayaian district of Kushat are holding members of a Christian sect suspected in the ritual killing of a woman and her brother-in-law, it was reported today.

Police believe about 50 other members of the Philippines Benevolent Missionary Association have gone into hiding since the Feb 23 discovery of the corpors of Sabina Ongkill, 30, and her brother-in-law Alvinus Ewah, 24.

### Bus crash kills 20

HONG KONG, March 3, (AP): A Hong Kong truck collided with a pastenger bus in Grangdong province of southern Chinn, leaving 20 people dead and 17 injured, media reports appearing today said.

The head-on collision occurred early Friday in Nanhai county near the provincial capital of Canton. The official China News Service reported that the bus driver and 19 passengers fied. The condition of the injured was not immediately known.

## Recruit scandai

TOKYO, March 3, (AP): A member of Japan's new cabinet has acknowledged receiving money from the company at the centre of an influence-buying scandal, major newspapers reported today.

Labour Minister Shunpei Tsukahara told Japanese reporters yesterday that the Recruit Co. hought 6.3 million yes (\$42,000) worth of tickets to his fundraising parties in 1984-82, the Asahi Shimbun and Yomiari Shimbun newspaper reported.

Rushcile Drobest Rushdie protest

BANGKOK, March 3, (Renter): Some 200 Muslims burned an efficy of British writer Sahman Rushdie in southern Thuiland to protest against the translation into Japanese of his hook "The Satanic Verses", the Ban-

The protesters also set fire to flags of the United States, Britain, Japan and Israel in front of the main mosque in Yala, a mainly Maslim town some 800km (500 miles) south of Bangkok, during yesterday's protest, the newspaper said.

## **Cambodia fighting**

BANGKOK, March 3, (Reuter): Gnerrillas were locked in heavy fight-Gnerrillas were locked in heavy fighting with Victnam-supported government troops as Phoons Penh fought to seize the Kluner Rouge's main Cambolian buse in the west of the country, guerrilla radio broadcasts said today.

At least 3,000 Victnamese troops had joined in the fighting near the ruby-mining town of Philin, some 30ft km (180 miles) west of Philin, some 30ft km (180 miles) west of Philin, some Rouge radio broadcast said. Kluner Rouge radio broadcast said.

# Indian road deaths soar

NEW DELHI, March 3, (UPI): About 45,000 people die each year in road accidents throughout India, marking a 200 per cent increase in fatalities from since 1975, the Press The fatalities coincide with a dramatic increase in the number of tracks, cars and other vehicles on the

nation's highways, the Prest Trust The news agency quoted Prakash Naraiu, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, as saying that the number of vehicles anothroused from 2.5 million in 1975 to 12 million in 1968 — an increase of

South Korean army officers inspect newly found North Korean tunnel which Seoul says is aimed at launching a surprise attack on the South. (Reuter

# Seoul discovers 'invasion' tunnel

SEOUL, March 3, (Reuter): Sonth Korea accused North Korea today of building a tunnel through which it could launch a surprise invasion of 30,000 soldiers and scores of armoured vehicles.

The tunnel, discovered 145 metres (yards) underground and 1.2 km (about three quarters of a mile) into South Korean territory, was probably one of about 20 built by North Korea across the border, Defence Minister Lee Sang-Hoon said.

"The construction of such an invasion tunnel into our area across the truce line is a serious violation of the armistice agreement and an intolerable act of aggression," Lee told a news conference.

Lee, who appeared flanked by US and South Korean generals, said: "The 20-odd suspect tunnels will readily provide the secret routes for infiltrating large troops into our rear area at the mitial stage of war." A senior South Korean army

officer said there was a great risk that North Korea could be tempted to invade unless all the tunnels were unearthed.

The two countries are still technically at war since a truce ended the three-year Korean war in 1953, and the United States keeps more than 43,000 troops in South Korea.

An army intelligence officer m Seoul said the scale of the tunnel, the fourth discovered from the North since 1974, meant it was capable of ferrying about 30,000 infantry troops and many armoured vehicles into South Korea within an hour in a surprise attack.

Foreign and local journalists today witnessed US and South Korean troops entering the tunnel about 26 km (16 miles) northeast of the South Korean town of Yangku.

"This tunnel has verified that North Korea has drilled a number of invasion tunnels along the whole sector of the Korean border," South Korean Brigadier General Park Yong-Ik said at the

"Unless we find all of them, there's a high probability that North Korea would try to strike," Park said.

South Korea has accused the North of massing troops near the border and of putting finishing touches to plans for a surprise attack on its capital, Seoul,

# Airbus A320 cleared

PARIS, March 3, (AP); France's Civil Aviation Authority has ruled the Airbus A320 jetliner fundamentally safe despite an accident last month in Bangalore, India that killed 90 people, a spokeswoman for the authority said yesterday.

The Direction Generale del'Aviation Civile (DGAC) sent its judgment in a message this week to other countries operating the short-to-medium range plane, the spokes woman confirmed

on condition of anonymity.

The President of Acrospatiale SA, one of the four European aircraft manufacturers comprising the consortium Airbus Industric, defended the A320 in a press conference in Toulouse. "The fact that the certification of the Airbus A320 wasn't withdrawn after the Bangalore accident makes us think that the plane isn't at fault," said Henri Martin at Aerospatiale's

Aviation industry sources said the note stated information given French investigators concerning the accident proved the airworthiness of the aircraft as certified by DGAC.

# Bush allays Kaifu fears on security

# US troops cut in Asia discussed

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, March 3, (AP): US President George Bush, opening a two-day desert summit, has assured Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu that a reduction of US troops in Asia will not undermine stability or security there, an official said.

The two leaders avoided discussing Japan's huge trade surplus yesterday and the growing trade tensions between the world's largest economic powers, leaving those subjects for their meetings today.

"Welcome, sir," a smiling Bush said as he shook hands with Kaifu across a conference table at a posh

Despite the economic conflicts, Bush emphasised the positive in his opening remarks, noting, "there are so many areas of common interest where we have such a strong relationship with Japan.

Kaifu's quick response to his invitation for the bastily arranged meeting was an "important display of your feelings about our relationship," Bush said.

"Certainly my inviting you here is a strong indication from us about the importance of this relationship," Bush said. The two leaders met for an hour before gathering again for dinner at the heavily guarded

estate of millionaire publisher Walter Annenberg. Emerging from a one-on-one

meeting, Bush said: "We had a very good discussion." There was no sign of friction, although White House Press

Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said earlier that Bush would warn the prime minister that Congress was in "very tough mood" in insisting that Japan lower barriers to US goods and

In a statement after the initial Bush-Kaifu meeting, Fitzwater said the opening session was

challenges to communist Chinese rule.

BELIING, March 3, (UPI): After a tense but .

relatively peaceful year of martial law, anthorities in riot-scarred Tibet are bracing for renewed unrest as

key anniversaries approach of the Tibetans' violent

Since March 1989, when riots led to the imposi-

tion of martial law in the capital city, Lhasa, and its

that had erupted repeatedly over the previous 18

But demonstrations led by Tibetan Buddhist

devoted to security issues. The United States is considering reducing its 120,000 troops in Asia by about 10 per cent. That

would mean a reduction of 5,000 troops in Japan.
In addition, Washington is pressing Tokyo for a sizeable increase in Japan's \$2.4 billion annual contribution toward the

stationed in the country. Bush told Kaifu that the changes in the US defence posture will not affect either deterrence or stability, nor its commitment to its Asian allies," Fitzwater

cost of keeping US troops

Referring to US hopes that Japan will increase defence spending, Fitzwater said: "The two leaders discussed the issue of burden sharing, noting the need for suitable arrangements for balanced cost-sharing."

Fitzwater said Kaifu "stressed the importance to co-ordinate our policies and tackle the issues

Tibet govt braces for renewed violence monks demanding independence from Beijing have continued in Lhasa in other cities in the mountainous Himalayan region according to reports in the official press and from travelers and foreign

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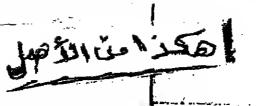
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# PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania:

Twenty eight city employees have stopped taking workers' compensation since officials amounced a plan to crack down on fraudulent injury claims by catching cheaters on videotape.

The employees began returning to work last week, city finance director Ben Hayllar said Tuesday.

Hayllar said last week that the

city is watching and taping some employees who claimed their miuries left them unable to work. me were seen roofing their homes and doing strenuous yard work,

Hayllar said.

Most employees who are hurt on the job return to work as soon as possible, but 10 to 15 per cent of the city's \$17 million annual workers' compensation expense results from fraud and abuse, Hayllar said.

About 300 employees remain on workers' compensation, he said:

NEW YORK: Dustin Hoffman's new lead role is real-life drama: He is helping a terminally ill student

who needs a bone marrow donor.
The Academy Award-winning actor has made a six-figure donation and a plea for Allison Atlas, who learned in August she had three to six months to live unless a marrow transplant checked her kukaemia.

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"If we find a donor, we'd literally be taking someone off death row," said Hoffman, winner of Academy Awards for best actor in last year's Rain Man and the 1979 Kramer vs.

Hoffman oo Tuesday said something about Miss Atlas, a 20year-old business major at New York University and a resident of Bethesda, Maryland, got him

"It's hard to explain. It picked

me," he said.
The Atlas family made a public plea in November, Since then, more than 16,000 people offered to be donors. Because of the family's efforts, 25 to 50 potential donors were found for other people in her

'lt's just a matter of getting the right persoo to come to one of our drives, "said Miss Atlas, one of 9,000 people awaiting a donor.

Of Hoffman's support, she said: "I don't know if it's fate or what. it's my only hope." (AP)

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania: The city council unanimously repealed a decision to study the idea of distributing free cocaine and other narcotics to drug users in

The repeal Wednesday night followed nearly a week of criticism from law enforcement officials and politicians, including Mayor W. Wilson Goode, who called the study a waste of time. District attorney Rossid Castille said a free ding programme would violate state and federal laws.

Councilman John Street had

proposed the study, saying he believed the city was "totally losing".

the war" against drugs. Last week; without discussion, the council approved street's medical implications of treating



Tina 'The Best'

US singer Tina Turner singing 'The Best' at the 40th Italian San Remo song festival. Tina Tumer and several other foreign singers made special guest appearances. (Reuter wire photo)

various drug addicts with a system similar to methadone clinics for beroin addicts

After a storm of criticism, two councilmen circulated resolutions to kill the study before street offered his own, which passed unanimously.

LOS ANGELES: The Walt Disney Company has threatened legal action against the source of a fake news release that claimed Michael Jackson had signed a five-year movie deal with Disney.

Disney said it began an investigation to find the author of the release, used as the basis for a story in the Hollywood Reporter. Among other things, the story said Jackson was negotiating to leave CBS Records for Disney's New Hollywood Records and could design theme park rides for Disney.

We fully intend to take action against the person or persons response," Walt Disney studios chairman Jeffrey Katzenberg said.

"This company has a reputation for protecting its name and taking legal action when necessary The paper ran a front-page article Wednesday saying it had been the

victim of a hoax.

Jackson stars at Disneyland in the movie "Captain Ea," which opened movic Capi in 1986. (AP)

FORT WORTH, Texas: An elementary school principal and her assistant sat all day on the roof to pay off a bet. Pupils were celighted but the head custodian was not very

"They called for blankets, legalpads, and their hats kept blowing off and I had to take them back up," custodian Elizabeth Sheffield said of Monday's stunt.

Principal Janet Wysse 2 greed to spend the day on the roof if the 350 pupils at Jackie Carden Elementary School read 2,000 books in six weeks. They finished in two weeks.

Herassistant Marsha Miholovich.

then agreed to join her on the roof it the students read another 2,000 books. The children surpassed their goal by 75 books within another two weeks.

The two administrators passed the time sunbathing, listening to the radio, snacking — and reading books. (AP)

# Compound to protect skin found

MIAMI, March 3, (UPI): Scientists could be added to cosmetics to reflect some of the damaging heat of infrared rays away from the skin, officials said. Drs. Oscar Hevia and Paul Weber

of the University of Miami School of Medicine said they developed the "IR reflector," which reflects away from the skin about 20 per cent of the

sum's infrared light rays.

Evidence suggests infrared rays combined with ultraviolet light can promote more skin damage than exposure to ultraviolet alone. Chronic exposure to infrared light, such as sitting in front of a hot fire.

such as sitting in front of a hot fire, has been shown to promote structural skin changes, they said.
Using the IR reflector "would mean you'd feel cooler in the sun," said Hevia, a dermatologist. "That could be useful among the elderly to prevent heat stroke, and helpful to anyone else spending time outdoors, such as athletes and sunbathers."

"The product has a nice sheen to it, so it's cosmetically appealing," he said.

said.
An IR reflector differs from a sunscreen, which chemically absorbs ultraviolent rays, Heve said.
"If you absorb infrated rays, heat is produced, and heat is the problem in the first place" he said. "The defence against infrared must be reflection, out absorption. We needed something to jut on the skin that would reflect."

Heyia and Weher said their

that would reflect.

Hevia and Weber said their product is "a combination of architectural wiody film and photovoltaic engineering ... with an application to the skirl."

PHILADELPHIA, March 3, (AP): A smoker's sense of smell recedes with every passing puff, according to researchers at the University of Pennsylvania who condueted scratch and sniff tests. also smoked cigars or pipes.

"The majority still have a sense of smell, but oot as acute as if they weren't smoking," said Richard Doty, director of the University's Smell and Taste Centre.

Both current and former smokers lose their ability to smell all kinds of odours in proportion to the amount of cigarettes and length of time they had smoked, the researchers reported yesterday in the journal of the American Medical Association.

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BASEL, Switzerland, March 3,

(AP): After years of painstaking

research, a team of scientists at

Basel University has succeeded

in extending the active life of an

The cell biologists have man-

aged to prolong the lifespan of

the drosophila melanogaster, or

fruit fly, by up to 40 per cent

through injections of a protein

that successfully stems the aging

But Walter Gehring, the team

leader, says the experiments are

unlikely to lead to the existence

of an "enternal fly" as other, non-genetic factors also deter-

"There is an ancient fear that

scientists are going to create a genetic monster," he said in an

interview in his cramped, book-lined office. "There is no such

Critics of genetic engineering

argue that io manipulating

nature, scientists are trying to

Gehring disagrees, saying that

man bas used biological

knowledge to improve plant and

animal breeds for thousands of

He says genetic engineering is

a more defined and accurate

extension of earlier scientifie

techniques and adds that contin-

ued research into the make-up

and role of genes will bring hage

benefits in areas-such as early

diagnosis of hereditary illnesses.

"The architecture of a living

organism is determined by genes," Gehring told the

-"We are interested in the com-

position and interaction of the

The more we understand

complicated networks of genes We still know very little," be said.

about the composition of genes, the more we can change them.

The more we observe such changes, the more we learn about

He added that the fly project was a byproduct of this overall

Proteins are produced in cells

according to a predetermined genetic code and form chains

that carry out different functions'

One particular protein, EF-1 Alpha, plays a crucial role. At the

start of a life of a cell it is present

in large quantities, which gradually decline over time.

Without EF-1 Alpha, the cells are unable to build new protein chains to replace old or damaged ones. The cell, and subsequently

the complete organism, dies. The basel scientists injected a

genetic copy of EF-1 Alpha into a fertilised egg of the fruit fly and discovered this promoted contin-

uous reproduction of the

At cootrolled temperatures of 25 degrees celcius (77 Fahren-

heit) flies lived an average 18 per

ceot longer than o ormal. At 29.5 degrees (85 Fahrenheit) they

survived 40 per cent longer than their untreated counterparts. which had a life cycle of between

"The heauty of the fly

experiment is that we have

prolonged the healthy phase of a

living creature's existence, rather

than just prevented old and sick

organisms from dying," Gehring

But he added that no one yet

knows wby protein levels fall with the aging process.

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The researchers used the scratch and

sniff tests to evaluate the ability of 638 volunteers to smell 40 different odours. Of the subjects, 262 had nerver smoked, 197 were ex-smokers and 179 were current smokers. In addition, 14 people said they

"A person who smoked two packs of cigarettes a day for 10 years has less of an ability to smell, on average, than someone who had smoked two packs of cigarettes for five years," said the report's lead author, former research associate Riehard Frye. Frye is now a graduate student at Drexel University.

Current smokers are nearly twice as likely to show a loss of smell than those who nver smoked, according to the resear-

A medical psychologist studying the effects of smoking and nicotine called the study's results "very intriguing."

"It could help explain why a lot of the old studies connected a loss to the sense of taste to smoking,' said Neil Grunberg of the uniformed services University of the Health Sciences, in Bethesda, Maryland. Grunberg pointed out that the sense of taste is linked to the sense of smell, and the study could shed light on what component of cigarettes affects both senses.

The loss appears to be reversible, Doty said, hut two-pack-a-day smokers would have to quit for as many years as they smoked to regain the essential sense, he

"Smell is our primary sense for detecting such environmental dangers as leaking natural gas, spoiled food and smoke, Doty said. "In addition, it may be of diagnostic value for the early detection of a number of neurological disorders, including Alzheimers' disease and Parkinsonism," in which the diseases' vietims lose some of their sense of smell.

Doty said that the cause of the smell loss was not known, but he believed that a chemical in the tobacce smoke may kill nasal cells.

# Scientists | Experts predict | 'icebox effect' Countering global warming

OSLO, Norway, March 3, (AP): Global warming and changing weather patterns may at first expand the ice mantles of the earth's polar regions rather than melt them, Norwegian scientists

Expanding polar ice eaps could create an "icebox effect," cooling the planet and - temporarily - counteracting the socalled greenhouse effect, several researchers said in separate interviews.

The State Meteorological Institute reported this week that some Norwegian glaciers grew last year, despite an abnormally mild winter. Experts said warmer temperatures brought more snowfall, which contributed to the creation of more ice.

But the scientists said the icebox effect, if their theory were correct, would merely huy time to cleao up the pollution cootributing to loog-term global warming and a possible rise in ocean levels.

"The iee might act as a refrigerator, at least slowing down the rise of the sea and maybe making it fall, giving us more time to develop plans for coastal regions," said Gunnar Mathisen, of the Norwegian Environment Ministry.

A United Natioos environment report to be released in June will consider the effects of expanding ice, said Mathisen, whose book on the greenhouse effect, "Hot Future," was published

Smokers puff away sense of smell

this month. Many scientists believe pollutioo, especially carboo dioxide and other gases released by hurning fossil fuels, traps the sun's heat io the atmosphere. gradually raising the earth's average temperature and chang-

ing weather patterns. Some reports predict rising temperatures would be more pronouoced in the polar regions and could melt so much ice that ocean levels would rise up to 1.4 metres (4.5 feet) by the year 2030, flooding some coastal regions.

Olav Sactersdal, head of the Norwegian Environment Ministry elimate team, said estimates of the temperature increase during the next 40 years have been reduced from 4.5 degrees Centigrade (8.1 F) maximum predicted in 1987 to about 2.5 degrees

"That is if we cootinue business as usual and don't reduce carbon dioxide levels," he said.

Warmer temperatures could hring about increased snowfall over the poles, thickening the ice pack as ice formed faster than it melted, researchers said. "Thicker ice could be a part of

a larger climatic picture, with more precipitation far north and south and much less in the temperate zones, such as in parts of the United States and the Soviet Union," Saetersdal said.



## Security breach

The second of two suspects arrested Inside President George Bush's secure area at San Francisco international airport awaits transport to jall. The suspects had to be forcibly stopped by shotgun blasts fired by California highway patrolmen. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Panel criticises tobacco ads WASHINGTON, March 3, (UPI): Efforts to reduce cigarette advertising targeted at young people and minorities should be expanded to include beer and

other alcoholic beverages, consumer groups have told Congress.

In his panel's ninth hearing in three years on cigarette advertising, Rep. Thomas Luken, D-Ohio, chairman of a house subcommittee on hazardous materials, criticised tobacco firms for 'zeroing in on women, blacks, youth and

Hispanies.'
"Even though we prohibit other advertisers from false advertisiog, we have immunized the tobacco industry," Luken said. "We allow cigarette companies to mock the law, circumvent and destroy its effectiveness."

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lost 135 pounds of weight after only 11 months of using the belt. This belt is simply incredible. It's not easy to believe it. But it has changed my whole life and the world around me. My son is now using it too.

# functioning camera in Greece. (Reuter wirephoto) Extra potassium, monounsaturated oil benefits discounted

BOSTON, March 3, (AP): Heart-conscious eaters who are fed up with low-fat diets can safely add some olive oil and other monoun-saturated fats to their daily fare, but the extra dose probably won't reduce their cholesterol,

Tourist pholographer known as Mr George solves a crossword puzzle on a quiat day on March 1 in front of the Parthenon. Mr George has been taking pictures of visitors to the Acropolis for the past 40 years with his 120-year-old black and white camera, probably the oldest

Oldest camera

a study concludes. A second report has found that getting lots of potassium, another nutrient with a wholesome image, is no substitute for taking

high blood pressure medicines. Scientists have been searching for foods that prevent disease rather than cause it, and polassium and monounsaturated fats have been among the possible candidates. Two studies examining these substances were published last week in the New England Jour-

nal of Medicine. Some studies have suggested that foods high in monounsaturated fat, such as olive oil, actually might lower blood cholesterol levels. However, the new work found that while monounisaturated fats don't raise cholesterol,

they don't seem to lower it significantly. Dr Henry N. Ginsberg and colleagues from Columbia University randomly assig-

ned 36 healthy young men to eat specially prepared meals for 10 weeks.

One group followed the American Heart Association's "Step 1" diet. In this regimes, they limited their daily fat intake to 30 per cent of total calories. Ten per cent of the calories were from saturated fat, 10 per cent from polyunsaturated fat and 10 per cent from monounsaturated fat.

A second group followed the same diet except that 18 per cent of the daily calories were from monounsaturated fat. The third group ate a standard US diet, in which 18 per cent of calories were from saturated fat, 10 per cent polyunsaturated and 10 per cent mon-

ounsaturated. When the study was over, blood cholesterol levels had fallen 8 per cent in those who followed the Heart Association diet and 10

per cent in those who got extra monounsaturated fat.

"I can only conclude indirectly that both of the experimental diets were about the same." Ginsberg said. "What we hoped to do here was try to straighten out some misconceptions about 'monos' that have arisen, mostly from the media and food companies, that they had some independent effect oo lowering

cholesterol. He said the research suggests that people who give up saturated fat can safely replace it with mooounsaturated fat. But be noted that increasing consumption of carbobydrates is

less fattening. "If you want to have more fat in your diet, you can get away with it by substituting some monounsaturates for carbohydrates, as loog as you keep your saturated fat consumption low," commented Dr Scott Grundy of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas.

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# Gorby turning into a dictator: Yeltsin

LONDON, March 3, (Reuter): Radical Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin said yesterday that Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev showed signs of turning into a dictator and he called for a stronger parliament to curb presidential power.

Yeltsin, one of Gorbachev's fiercest critics, said in an interview with British television that the Soviet leader had become too fond of power and could not tolerate critiBut Yeltsin said Gorbachev could lose power within the year if his perestroika restructuring programme did not bring an improvement in Soviet living stan-

"In one year, without decisive steps, perestroika will suffocate and along with it Gorbachev because people are approaching a critical point. With no improvement it will explode like Eastern Europe," Yel-tsin told Britain's Channel Four

Asked if he thought Gorbachev was becoming a dictator, Yeltsin said: "Yes. He's intolerant ... he loves power and cannot stand people who contradict him. He either fires them or avoids having anything to do with them."

Gorbachev has won parliament support to become the Soviet Union's first executive president with sweeping powers which enable him to declare martial law and appoint or remove the prime minister and other officials.

Yeltsin said the power of the Soviet legislature should be strengthened accordingly "so we can limit the president's power, oust him, bring him to account."

In a later interview with the British Broadcasting authority Yeltsin said Soviet history proved that a concentration of power was a Stalin or almost."

But Yeltsin said there was a chance he might consider standing against Gorbachev for the presidency "if the conditions are

Yeltsin was sacked as Moscow Communist Party chief in 1987 for criticising the party leadership over the pace of reform and at the time

recipe for dictatorship and he war accused Gorbachev of trying to ned that if checks were not in place purge him from political life. He the president "could become a won a seat in elections to the newstyle Soviet parliament last year.

Yeltsin added yesterday the Soviet Union could "explode" and Gorbachev lose power within a



Yeltsin

## **NEWS IN** BRIEF



### Kidnapped

Patrizia Tacchella, alght, kidnapped near har northern italian home in Varona Jan 29. Verona magistrate Angela Barbagilo signed a decree to prevent the parents of Patriza, to paying a ransom, it is the first application of a government decree approvad last month banning negotiations with kidnappers and providing for a freeze on the assets of hostages' families to block payment of ransom.

### Pastor warns

BUCHAREST, March 3, (Reuter):
The Protestant pastor Laszlo Tokes
at the centre of the uprisings in Timisoara which sparked Romania's
revolution warned yesterday of a rising tide of nationalist hostility

Form government BUCHAREST, March 3, (AP): Representatives of Jewish and gypsy ethnic groups were invited yesterday to join Romania's provisional gov-

The ruling provisional council of national unity decided by a show of hands to absorb three members each from the Federation of Jewish Communities In Romania and the Democratic Romani (gypsy) Union, expanding its membership to 259. Nine ethnic groups had already been represented in the council, which acts like a mini-parliament until national elections scheduled for May 20 are

Pledges crackdown MADRID, March 3. (Reuter): Prime Minister Filipe Gonzalez pledged yesterday to crack down on government corruption and try to repair his party's damaged

credibility following charges of fraud in last October's general election.

Keep guard up STANLEY, Falkland Islands, March 3, (AP): British Defence Secretary Tom King said yesterday that Britain is treating its warming relationship with Argentina the same way it treats the changes in Eastern Europe: "We keep our guard upon."

Three injured

ALGECTRAS, Spain, March 3, (Reuter): Three people were injured yesterday io a clash between riot police and fishermen demonstrating in support of colleagues blocking two ern Spanish harbours with

their boats, police said.
They said about 300 protesters tried to join forces with other fishermen blocking the harbour entrance in Algeciras with 20 trawlers.

Too big to step in

Shoemaker Noboru Ishidori displays a 1.2 metre Gulliver shoe, which

# Bonn, Warsaw at odds over border

West German terms draw angry Polish response

BONN, March 3, (Reuter): Four months after West Germany and Poland agreed to put centuries of hostility behind them, they are quarrelling again about Poland's post-war borders and Nazi Germany's use of Polish slave labourers.

Bonn said yesterday it was willing to meet Poland's long-standing call for explicit recognition of its western borders in a treaty, but it laid down conditions that drew an angry response from Warsaw.

Government spokesman Dieter Vogel said such a treaty would have

Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki said ambiguity in Bonn's attitude to the border was undermining relations between the two coun-

"For Poland, it is primarily a question of the border, but if Bonn wants to widen the problem, then OK - we also have something to say, for exam-ple on the question of Polish forced labourers in the Third Reich," he said on West German

His threat to raise the slave labour issue showed the Solidarity-led government was not prepared to accept the addition of any conditions to a formal guarantee of its borders, considered a matter of national

Poland, which lost six million dead and nearly half its national wealth under the Nazi onslaught and subsequent Soviet invasion, was awarded large tracts of prewar German territory by the vic-torious allies in 1945. Both German states have declared that they have no designs upon the territory handed over to compensate for the loss of a larger slice of eastern land annexed by the Soviet Union.

But Chancellor Helmut Kohl, facing an extreme right-wing challenge in December elections as he rushes towards union with East Germany, has alarmed Poland by insisting on the legally correct position that only a unified Germany can formally recognise the border.

Mazowiecki said Poles were justifiably worried by the strength of the extreme right-wing Republican Party in West Germany and displays of nationalism in East Germany.

Kohl's government is worried that massive reparations claims from countries occupied by Nazi Germany could be one of the unwelcome consequences of unification. It has refused to consider reparation payments.

The latest row represents a major setback in relations between the two old enemies, which improved when Kohl made a long-delayed visit to Poland last November.

# Bonn muscles in on GDR poll

EAST BERLIN, March 3, (Reuter): From leaders to grassroots activists. West Germany's political parties are muscling in on the East German election campaign two weeks before the former Stalinist state's first free

West German political heavyweights including two cabinet ministers and Social Democratic ex-chancellor Willy Brandt criss-crossed the country today to address rallies for Eastern parties allied to their own. Chancellor Helmut Kohl

spoke at a mass rally of con-servatives backed by his Chris-tian Democrats in Karl-Marx-Stadt on Thursday. He is due back in East Germany next week... Better known because of television than East Germany's own. fledgling politicians, Bonn leaders are dominating the East German campaign in a way that snggests a stampede towards unification on West German

to include confirmation of a Polish decision in 1953 to renounce World War Two reparation claims against Germany and guarantees of the rights of the German minority in Poland.

Saying it did not want the border problem linked with other issues. Poland threatened to seek compensation for more than a million Poles forced to work as slave labourers under the Nazis if Bonn pressed its demands for a treaty on reparations.



This young man is crying after being wounded in a clash between demon-strators and Hamburg policemen. (Reuter wirephoto)

Woerner favours top-level meeting: Nato Secretary-General Manfred Worner said on Saturday be favoured calling a top-level alliance meeting to discuss German unity and played down Soviet insistence that a unified Germany be neutral.

Woerner spoke to reporters after talks with Czo-choslovak Foreign Minister Jiri Dienstbier, only the second Warsaw Pact minister to visit Nato headquarters. Italy and some other alliance members have proposed a special foreign ministers' meeting soon on the issue because they feel they are being sidelined in the rush to German unification.

"It might make sense ... I personally think it would be a good idea," said Woerner, a former West German defence inister, answering reporters' questions. (Reuter)

Security summit called this year: Nine neutral and non-aligned European states called on Friday for a security summit this year of the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) to dis-

Blast hurts

in Panama

16 US troops

PANAMA CITY, March 3, (AP): A bomb hurled through

the window of a downtown dis-

cotheque exploded and wounded

16 US servicemen and an unkn-

own number of Panamanians, a

spokeswoman for the US south-

There was no known motive

for the last night's attack, and no claim of responsibility has been made, Lt. Comdr. Peggy Black

"We don't know what it was,"

said Lt. Col. Terry Jones,

another southern command spokesman. "They're investigat-

ing that it's possible it could have

Jones said the injuries

apparently were caused by the explosion itself and by flying

The bomb was thrown about 11:30 pm (0430 GMT) at "My a discotheque on Via

Espana, a main thoroughfare of

stores, hotels, banks and other

part of the public security force

established by the new civilian

government, was investigating the explosion but would give no

The bombing was believed to be the first such attack on US

servicemen in Panama since the

details by telephone.

The judicial technical police.

glass from broken windows.

been a grenade."

ern command said today.

The nine nations - neutral Finland, Switzerland, San Marino, Sweden, Austria and Liechtenstein and noo-aligned Yugoslavia, Cyprus and Malta — also CSCE member

Ministers from the nine countries issued a joint statement at the end of a meeting in Valletta suggesting the summit could be held in Vienna and should consider the question of German unification "in the context of the CSCE framework and of the specific interests of the states concerned."

It should draw up guidelines for future relations among CSCE members, "assess the military negotiations in Vienna and launch negotiations within the CSCE framework on security and disarmament," the statement said.

Immune to totalitarian regime: West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl says he understands the anxiety of some holocaust victims about German unity but he believes East Germans are especially immune to any new totalitarian temptations.

## More broadcast for East Europe

# **BBC** plans expansion

WASHINGTON, March 3, (AP): British Broadcasting Corp. announced plans to expand its programmes in Eastern Europe, especially Romania, and in the United States.

United States.

"One of the main principles behind the success of our international broadcasting is that we broadcast to our friends as well as those who, until recently, were enemies," said John Tusa, managing director of the BBC World Service.

Tusa, who was born in Czechoslovakia, said Eastern European countries still need to hear controversy, comment and news from a broad international linearies. Usesid non-communist leaders in Fastern Europe, including Polish viewpoint. He said non-communist leaders in Eastern Europe, including Polish.

Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, have asked the BBC 10 cootinue and are

giving it facilities for local broadcast of its programmes. Mazowiecki is a former contributor to BBC programmes

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Broadcasts to Romania were increased by two hours during the Christmas uprising that overthrew the government of President Nicolae Ceausescu. Tusa said another hour and a quarter will be added soon.

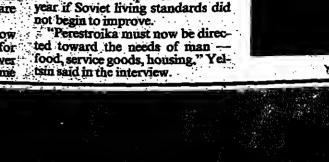
"We have reallocated funds to Eastern Europe through the internal budgeting process — more money for Russian, Bulgarian, Romanian," he said.

He explained that special emphasis has been put on hroadcasting Romania. because of the intensity of the crisis there last Christmas and difficulties now in

because of the intensity of the crisis there last Christmas and difficulties now in finding stability and a way loward transition to a new political system.

To show the influence British broadcasts have had, Tusa held up a photograph taken last June in Trananmen Square before Chinese tanks put down the pro-democracy movement. Students were carrying the Chinese flag and a sign in both English and Chinese. In English it said: "Thank you BBC."

Tusa added that BBC officials are asking Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government for more money but declined to say how much. He insisted that covergment funding does not lessen BBC independence. that government funding does not lessen BBC independence.



# Greece falls to elect president

Marina Dizi, deputy of the Ecologists Party, unfolds a banner during the third and last round of parliamentary voting for a new president. The banner reads: "Enough theatrics. Pollution is the only president." The parliament falled to choose a new head of state, formally deading the way for elections next month. None of the cadidates for the mostly ceremonial presidential post received the necessary 180 votes.

According to the constitution, parliament's indecisive yote forces the country to hold national elections — the third within the mostly are mostly.

# Massive anti-red rally in Sofia

SOFIA, March 3, (Renter): Some 30,000 Bilgarians waving blue pro-opposition tiags and shouting down with the Bulgarian Com-

"down with the Bulgarian Com-munist Party" maused in central Sofia toddy to support a faster transition to democracy. "We" have had: etiough experiments in our history not to try again to accept the commun-ists" proposal for "democratic socialism," Union of Democratic Forces (IRDF) President Them Forces (UDF) President Zhelu Zhelev told the crowd outside the Alexander Nevsky Cathodral. "Even blind people could see t

crisis of socialism in the socialist countries and the triumph of the liberal Western democracies," he declared.

Since giving up their automatic right to rule late last year, the communists have been holding round table talks with opposition groups. But the opposition has accused them of delaying agreement on urgent changes leading towards democracy.

The UDF-sponsored rafty was the third mass protest this week against the all-communist government sworn in last mouth after

opposition groups refined to join a condition with the party.

On Friday 20,000 students marched turbugh the capital and last Sunday the largest auti-communist protest yet was joined by over 80,000 people, angry at the slow pace of reforms since the departure of Todor Zhivkov last

Earlier, Prime Minister Andrei Lukanov and other members of the government attended a mass in the cathedral celebrated by orthodox metropolitan maxim to mark Balgaria's national day. Head of state Petar Mlades

decreed this week that the national day previously marking the communist takeover on Sep-tember 9, 1944, be changed to March 3, the auniversary of Bul-garia's liberation from Turkish takeover on Sep

garia's liberation from Jurking rule in the 19th century.

Zhelev rejeated the UDF's proposal that general elections in the summer should create a great national assembly, a provisional parliament which would draft a constitution and a new election law and then dissolve itself.

The government has wonnered

The government has proposed holding elections in a single round in June. The Communist Party daily Rabotnichesko Delo said today that under the opposition plan, announced at a news con-ference yesterday. Iresh elections ce yesterday, fresh elections would be held around November.

# Soviets plan radical steps

Russians go to polls

MOSCOW, March 3, (Reuter): The Soviet Union will maveil radical new measures in a few days to tackle growing social mrest and economic shortages, a senior planning official said yesterday.

Moscow radio's Interfax news.

service, meanwhile, said com-munist leaders will meet on March 11 in a plenary session to discuss nominating a candidate; almostly certainly Mikhail Gorbachev, for a proposed new

Elsewhere in the Soviet Union. disturbances continued in the south, as one million people. gathered in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, to mourn those killed when Kremlin troops entered the city in January to stamp out inter-ethnic violence.

And workers at three coal mines began a strike in the Ukrainian city of Donetsk to demand the resignation of the local political leadership. The area was a centre of labour unrest in a country-wide coal strike last summer.

Andrei Orlov, deputy chair-man of the state commission for economic reform, said a reform package aimed at placating unrest over shortages of basic goods could be introduced to the Congress of People's Deputies. the expanded parliament, which convenes on March 12-13 or to the Supreme Soviet even earlier. "We need to provide a basic

range of cheap food products to reduce social tension and we need to get these products delivered across the country per or haps even using the resources of the armed forces for transport. he said yesterday.

The Interfax report did not say who the Central Committee would nominate to the new, more powerful presidential post, but it was virtually tailor-made for Gorbachev. Last week, the post was approved by the Supreme Soviet, or standing Parliament.

Proponents said Gorbachev had very limited powers in his current position as president of the Parliament — whose laws he cannot veto -- to cope with ethnic turmoil, economic chaos and popular discontent which has

spread across the country.

The new position, which would give him the power to declare martial law or a state of emergency in parts of the country, must still be approved by the

Interfax said the Central Committee meeting would take place simultaneously with the Congress, if necessary.

Troop pullout by 1992

## Soviets to quit Mongolia MOSCOW, March 3, (AP): The Soviet Union said yesterday it would

withdraw all its troops from Mongolia by 1992, part of an accelerating effort to trim its military budget and reduce its armed forces abroad. The pullback will affect an estimated 60,000 troops in the sparsely populated country on the Chinese border and is apparently aimed at normalising relations with Beijing.

Mongolia, long considered a Soviet client state, sided with Moscow

in the late 1950s when relations between the Soviet Union and China tarned sour. But the recent Sino-Soviet rapprochement has spilled over to Mongolia and greatly reduced tensions along the border.
Yesterday's announcement, carried by the official news agency Tass.

said the main Soviet combat units would be removed in 1991, and remaining equipment and support units would be withdrawn in 1992.

Previously, the Soviets had said they would remove about threeconstress of their troops and all of their aircraft from Mongolia, which
has a population of about 2 million people in a territory the size of Western Europe.
The London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies

yearbook for 1989-90 estimated the Soviets had 60,000 troops in Mongolia, including one army headquarters unit, two tank divisions and two motorised rifle divisions.

The Soviet Union announced in December that it had a total of 627,500 troops abroad and would like to bring them home by the year 2000. However, Soviet officials have said the pullont would not be unilateral and would depend on negotiations with other nations.

# Abidjan students stone cars, loot supermarkets as police halt peaceful protest

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, March 3, (AP): Rampaging students stoned cars and buses, looted a supermarket and hurled firebombs at police after peaceful protests were halted yesterday by paramilitary troops firing tear gas and smoke grenades.

Hundreds of civil servants went on strike, joining university and school students outside downtown ministry offices yelling: "Houphouet: thief, Houphouet: Corrupt."

Demonstrators calling for President Felix Houphouet-Boigny to step down pose the most potent challenge to the lyorian leader since he took control of this West African nation when it became independent from France in 1960.

Student protests that began Feb 19 have gained momentum and support since the government proposed pay cuts and increased taxes to defuse an economic crisis that has mounted over 10 years.

The recession came with slumping prices of cocoa, Ivory Coast's main export. Bul protesters also blame lavish lifestyles of government officials and corruption They are amending the repatriation of millions of dollars they charge have been syphoned from state coffers and banked

General Union of Workers, a usually docile federation affiliated to the ruling

Democratic Party. The union is posing unprecedented opposition to the proposals to cut civil servants salaries by 15 to 40 per cent and increase a solidarity tax on all wage earners from I per cent to 11 per cent.

. The government last evening announced it was closing all schools and the university in Abidian, along with boarding school dormitories and student residen-

Angry protesters and pupils joining

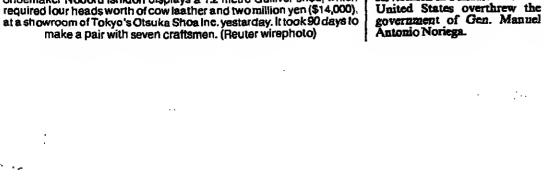
A similar call was made this week by the demonstrations forced schools to close last morning. University students have been

boycotting classes since Feb 19. Hundreds of students were seen packing up their belongings and waiting for taxis to leave their residencies. A few armed soldiers and police stood about, but no violence

A government statement cited "security concerns" and said security forces would enforce the closures.

The government accused an uniden-tified "group of individuals" of "spreading trouble" and said students responsible for vandalism would be "severely punished within the limits of the law.





Antarctic team

completes trip

PARIS. March 3, (AP): The six members of an international expedition arrived today at a Soviet hase on Antarctica's eastern coast, completing what organisers called the longest unmechanised crossing of the forbid-

"I'm feeling great happiness and great relief at the end of seven difficult

months," co-leader Jean-Louis Etlenne of France said in a live interview

on French television moments after the arrival just after 1 pm Paris time

forward to returning to normal life. He said that apart from his compan-

ions and the dogs that pulled the sleds, he saw only three animals, all "I want to see nature. I want to see living things," Etienne said.
The arrival ended a seven-month, 3,800-mile (6,115-kilometre) trek by

Keizo Funatsu of Japan disappeared in a hlizzard for 11 hours before being found by his worried fellow adventurers yesterday morning. Funatsu, one of six explorers on the expedition, was returning on

Thursday night from a visit to a nearby group of French filmmakers covering the trek when be became lost in hlinding snow driven by fierce winds.

ski and dogsled that risked turning to tragedy at the very close.

In a hookup with reporters in Paris, Etienne said he was looking

# ·KGB man tipped CIA on Pope plot

WASHINGTON March 3, (Agencies): A hlonde wigged defector from the Soviet intelligence service claimed yesterday that he tipped off the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to an alleged plot to kill Pope John Paul II months before the 1981 assassination attempt. Former KGB major Victor Sheymov also told a macked news conference that KGB

told a packed news conference that KGB bodyguards assassinated Afghan leader Hafizullah Amin in 1979 and that the Soviet agency probably assassinated Pakistaoi at Mohammad Zia Ul-Haq in a 1988

airplane explosion.

Sheymov, who wore tinted glasses and joked with reporters that his unnatural-looking blonde hair wak a wig also asserted there were two State Department employees working for

place or had been given other details.

At ao hour-long press conference, Sheymov fielded questions about the KGB, where he served as a communications and code expert before being spirited to Washington by US agents in 1980.

Sheymov, 43, said that after his defection he told the CIA in 1980 about a report suggesting the Soviets were interested in assessing the

the Soviets were interested in assassinating the

Polish-born Pope.

He said he told the CIA that he while in Warsaw he had been told in 1979 hy a KGB general of a cable requesting information about how to get physically close to the Pope."

The phrase "physically close," Sheymov explained, was Soviet intelligence slang for

The Pope was shot and wounded in May 1981 at the Vatican's St Peter's Square. A Turk. Mehmet Ali Agea, was convicted of the assas-

sination attempt and he claimed there was a vague Bulgarian secret service connection to the booting. Sheymov said he did not know what the CIA

did with the information but admitted he had few details about how an assassination try might come about.
Sheymov said that then-KGB cheif Yuri

Andropov, who later died after becoming leader of the Soviet Union, was furious that the Pope was elevated to that post from a socialist

country.

A high Bush administration official familiar

with the Sheymov case and intelligence matters confirmed to Reuters that Sheymov "was a legitimate defection" who was a top communications expert familiar with the so-called Soviet cipher coding system.

Sheymov has written several articles for the Washington Post under the name of Victor Orlov and said he has written a book about his KGB experiences that he is now trying to sell. He said he defected because of disillusionment with the Soviet system.

Sheymov also revealed KGB cables had discussed whether an agent should break the legs of ballet star Rudolf Nurcyev, who defected from the Soviet Union in 1961, since he continued to make many anti-communist statements in the West.





Noriega's wife in Havana

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The wife and three daughters of ousted Panamanian military strongman Saneral Manuel Noriega arrived in Cuba on Friday night after being granted sale passage out of Panama.

Felicidad Sieiro, her danghters Thais, Lorena and Sandra, and a six-monthold grandson arrived at Havane airport on a regular Cuban flight from

Panama. \*\*

Cuhan Deputy Foreign Minister Miguel Brugueras (left) was at the alreoft to greet them although the reception was low-key.

Three Polk awards

# NYT big winner

NEW YORK, March 3. (Agencies). The New York Times dominated the annual George Polk awards in journalism, winning three citations for its coverage of education; the turnfoil in China and chemical yeapons.

It was the fifth time in the 41-year history of the awards that a single news organisation receives three leveled that single years.

The Polk awards are named for a CBS correspondent killed in 1948 while

covering the Greek civil war. A committee of Long Island university faculty and alumni select the winners. The awards will be presented at a function on April 4. The categories and the winners:

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company foundation, for 45 years of reporting and commenting on education for the Times.

Foreign reporting: Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl Wu-Dunn, Beijing correspondents for the New York Times, for their coverage of the Chinese

International reporting: Stephen Engelberg and Michael R. Gordon, Washington Bureau, reporters for the New York Times, for stories on chemical weapons-producing technology in the Third World.

National reporting: Rick Atkinson of the Washington Post for a three-part series on the Stealth bomber.

Political reporting: Andrew Melnykovych of the Casper Star-Tribune in

Wyoming for exposing collusion between the federal government and 12 oil companies to cut back on royalty payments to Wyoming.

Local reporting: The Hartford (Connecticut) Courant for its articles on the civil rights effects of recording suspects' conversations with their lawyers

# **US team senses** 'new tone' of SA

# Congressmen meet De Klerk

PRETORIA, March 3, (Agencies): A high-powered US congressional delegation, including key proponents of sanctions against South Africa, held talks with President Frederik de Klerk yesterday and came away

from their meeting aware of a "new tone" by the government. The delegation's three-day visit comes on the heels of meetings with black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela and African National Congress officials in Lusaka who urged the maintenance, and even intensification, of sanctions against South Africa.

US Rep. William Gray, house majority whip and delegation leader, said the goal of the Americans was to ascertain the depth of the changes within South Africa in the wake of De Klerk's bold racial reforms.

The month-old reforms included the lifting of a 30-year ban on the ANC, the release of Mandela and the removal of more than 150 names from a massive list of persons who were not allowed to be quoted in South Africa under the internal security act. Among those were Oliver Tambo, president in exile of the ANC.

The visit of the nine US representatives coincided with the first return from exile to South Africa of two ANC activists. The elderly white couple, Ray Alexander and Jack Simons, smiled broadly at their welcome by hundreds of supporters at the Jan Smuts airport in Johannes.

"The real revolution is about to begin," said the frail, 83-year-

In Pretoria, the US delegation. held hour long meetings each, with De Klerk and Foreign Affairs Minister Roelof 'Pik' Botha. Gray characterised the delegation's talks with De Klerk as "a very candid discussion of the issues.

Gray, a democrat from Penn-.. sylvania who wrote the house version of the auti-apartheid acts of 1985 and 1986, declined to answer questions concerning the future of sanctions against South wait until a news conference scheduled toward the end of the delegation's visit.

The comprehensive US legislation imposed stinging sanctions against South Africa, cutting air links to the country and sharply curbing bilateral trade and technology exchanges. It was approved by Congress over a veto by former president Ronald Reagan.

The delegation also includes

# Mandela overworked LUSAKA, March 3, (AP): African National Congress officials are worried that Nelson Mandela is too husy and will be selective about

accepting foreign trips and future engagements for him, a senior official

The official said Mandela, 71, had met a full working schedule and been followed everywhere by hundreds of journalists since his release Feb 11 from 27 years in prison.

The ANC's policy-making national executive committee will work out Mandela's schedule, the official said. The committee yesterday named Mandela the ANC's deputy president, a new post that appears to be second-in-command to President Oliver Tambo.

"For someone who has been isolated in prison for so long, it's incredible," the official said of Mandela. "He hasn't stopped. We all want to be sure he isn't overworking. Wherever he goes he meets a barrage of TV lights and people who want to see him.

Ronald Dellums, Democrat-California, the author of a tongher sanctions hill that failed to pass the US Senate in 1988.

During his hour long meeting with the congressmen Thursday in Zamhia, Mandela said the next years would be crucial in South Africa's history. Mandela urged the delegation to maintain sanctions against South Africa; "even intensifying them, is the best way of helping President (Frederik) De Klerk in his attempt to pen a new path in the history of this country."

No comment on the US delegation's visit was immediately forthcoming from De Klerk's office. But after an earlier meeting between the American representatives and Botha, the foreign affairs minister characterised the delegation's trip as a "personal orientation visit" to ascertain and assess the latest developments in the

"I have tried to reply to their questions concerning the future

how the South African government sees this future," Botha said. I can summarise it by saying I consider these talks to be positive, constructive. "I'm encouraged by the views I've heard and I wish our friends from the United States a safe and pleasant journey back to their country.

Mandela's new title as deputy president of the African National Congress (ANC) will enhance his authority in South Africa as his organisation moves towards talks with the white minority government.

Mandela's election as deput president, a post not filled since the 1950s, was the main decision announced after a two-day meeting with the 35-strong National Executive Committee which has run the ANC in exile for nearly 30

Mandela's election will make him the top ANC official inside South Africa, ending speculation that the 71-year-old nationalist was no more than an ordinary member or at best a figurehead.

# Nuclear power a must for space

WASHINGTON, March 3, (Agencies): Safe nuclear power will be essential to fuel bases on the moon and Mars and may provide a "major advantage" for space rocket propulsion, the National Academy of Sciences said in a report yesterday on human exploration of space.

The study, conducted for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) by the congressionally-chartered body's research arm, the National Research Council, makes several suggestions for moving humans

One of the key findings underscores an earlier Nasa report that mentioned the use of nuclear

"A major advantage of unclear propulsion is its ability to enable transfer between earth and Mars in one-half to one-third the time required with single-stage chemical propolsion systems," the research council said.

It added that nuclear power would be "essential for lunar and Mars bases." One of the problems in using

nuclear power, the report said, will be getting the public to agree to it. The use of nuclear technology in space faces formidable barriers of public acceptance ... especially if employed in Earth orbit," it

The report raises other issues as

- An accelerated programme to put "a human presence" on the moon by 2001 and a manued Mars landing by 2011 may result in increased risks and costs.

- There may be "serious physiological consequences" for humans readjusting to gravity after weightlessness. There should be research on "artificial gravity" and robots should be considered for some risky tasks.

— Liquid fuel is better than solid fuel and pollutes less.

The study proceeds from

President George Bush's call last year on the 20th anniversary of the first moon landing for the United States to establish itself as "nothing less than ... the pre-eminent spacefaring nation."



Miss USA

Carole Gist, (right), a 20-year-old college student from Detroit, on Friday night became tha first black Miss USA in the 39-year history of the beauty pageant. She will go on to the Miss Universe contest in Los Angeles April 15. The 6-foot (183 em) Gist beat our runner-up Gina Tolleson (left) Miss South Carolina, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and third-place Karin Hartz, Miss New Jersey, of Voorhees, New Jersey.

The format was changed this year and just the top three advanced to the finals instead of the top five as in years past.

artel prepares

## for renewed war BOGOTA, March 3, (AP): The ing the country two years ago, according to the report quoted by El Tiempo. They were accused

Medellin drug cartel has rehired two British mercenaries to help it prepare for renewed war with the government, the country's leading newspaper reported yester-

Meanwhile, political violence continued in the country despite ceasefire pledges hy leftist guerrillas. On Thursday, a judge, three police officers and two city councilmen were killed, authorities said.

Bogota's El Tiempo said Pahlo Escohar and other Medellin drug bosses were plan-ning to abandon a ceasefire they declared Jan 17 in their terrorist campaign against the govern-

"The leaders of the Medellin cartel are preparing for war," said the daily, which has a reputation for gaining access to the highest counsels of Colombian government.

To prepare for a renewed offensive, the cartel has contracted two British mercenaries to train its paramilitary groups, El Tiempo quoted an intelligence police report as saying.

A spokeswoman for the

intelligence police, Diva Rojas, confirmed the report but said she could not discuss its contents.

"I don't know who leaked it. It is supposed to be confidential." she said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

The two mercenaries have returned to Colombia after flee-

attacks, including the Nov 27 bornhing of ao Avianca Airlines Boeing 727 that killed all 107 people ahoard. ■ Crack cocaine dealers have offered a \$10,000 reward for the

of helping a retired Israeli colonel, Yair Klein, train traf-

fickers' death squads in the cen-

tral Magoelena river region in

became aware of the operation,

the three men fled along with

other British and Australian

mercenaries, according to auth-

A Colombian judge in Novem-

ber 1989 issued an arrest warrant

for Klein, who currently is living

in Israel, on charges that he

trained paramilitary groups in

the service of drug traffickers.

Klein says he thought he was

training cattlemen to protect

themselves against leftist guerrillas. There is no extradi-

tion treaty between Colombia

police, Gen. Miguel Maza

Marquez, has accused Klein of

responsibility for terrorist

The chief of the intelligence

and Israel.

When Colombian police

death of anti-drug crusader C.W. Roddy, a 60-year-old woman who was shot in an attack at her home New Year's day, the Federal Bureau of lovestigation





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# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Latin America

New environment secretary: Brazil's best-known ecologist was named on Friday as secretary of the environment and immediately called for world talks to preserve the Amazon jungle which previous Brazilian governments have

been accused of destroying.

Introducing Jose Lutzenberger at a news conference in Brasilia, president-elect Fernando Collor, de Mello said Brazil would no longer be the target of criticism over the environment. (Reuter)

Uruguayan chooses 90-year-old: A Uruguayan newspaper editor who accepted a challenge to duel against a policeman chose a 90-year-old ecologist and a congresswoman as his new seconds on Friday after the original ones resigned because he does not intend defending himself.

The daily La Republica's owner-editor Federico Fassmothis week nicked moths cauntlet through her

Fassano this week picked up the gauntlet thrown by provincial police officer Saul Claveria, who took exception at an article run by the newspaper.
Uruguay's new president Luis Lacalle Herrera said he disagreed with the way Fassano and Claveria will settle their feud but indicated he would not intervene to stop it. (Reuter)

Teachers demand higher wages: Argentina's biggest teachers union is threatening to strike Monday, the first day of classes after summer vacation, to demand higher wages in this inflation-

On Friday, interest rates for intrabank lending rose to record levels -28 per cent a day - ahead of the government's scheduled announcement of a new plan to try to rescue the economy. Analysis said the increase reflected concern about the new government measures. (AP)



Uruguayan President

Newly inauguarated Uruguayan Presidant Luis Lacalle (right) accompanied by his wifa Maria Julia Pou waves to the crowd during a military parada.

Parachutist arrested: A skydiver who was fired at hy a secret service agent after parachuting into the parking lot of the hotel where President George Bush was staying apparently did not know the president was in town, authorioes said Friday.

Bush was inside the Central Plaza hotel during the episode Thursday that ended with the arrest of Charles Sweeney, 47, of the Los Angeles suburh of Secret Clerics.

Santa Clarita Sweeney, arrested at his home hours after the incident, was booked for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon on a law officer, said police Lt Al Moen. He was freed on \$3,000 bail on the charge, which stemmed from alleged attempts to run down officers in the getaway car. (AP)

Onake hits before Bush's address: A ide area of southern California rolled Friday with

wice area of southern Cantornia rolled Friday with another aftershock of Wednesday's big earthquake, triggering a rockslide on a mountain road but no reports of significant damage or injuries.

The quake shook Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego commes. It also hit Orange county three hours before President George Bush addressed an anti-drug rally. (AP)

Atlantis to land today: Atlantis' astroo-auts, silent to the world because of their military nission, put in a final day of work in orbit Friday oo their hush-hush assignments before preparing for a Sunday landing. Nasa said Atlantis is scheduled to land oo Sunday at Edwards Air Force Base, and a spokesman said this means the five-member, all-military crew

probably will spend most of Saturday packing up for the return to Earth. (AP)

employees that the Lao, Greek, Turkish, Swahili Slovene and Uzbek language programmes would remain on the air and their 57 broadcasters and

account of Imre Finta, the man accused in Canada's first warerimes trial, a decision made public on Friday showed.

Canada's largest private television network for an aborted libel action started by Finta. (Reuters)



Filephoto of Dr Martin Luther King Jr (centre) leading some 300 marchers, during their second day of thair Selma to Montogomary march. (Reuter

# March marks 'Bloody Sunday'

SELMA, Alabama, March 3, (UPI): About 400 civil rights activists marched to City Hall and called on town leaders to "do the right thing" in the first of several events scheduled to mark the 25th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday."

The marchers, led by the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and the Rev. Benjamin Chavis Jr., carried signs and sang songs of the civil rights movement of the 1960s as they marched yesterday from Selma high school to the outside of City Hall, then to the Edmund Pettus bridge.

Shuttlesworth, 67, delivered an impassioned speech at City Hall reminiscent of his days at a civil rights leader in Alabama in the 1960s. Shuttlesworth, who now lives in Ohio, told the marchers, "we're on God's side."

"I'm glad to be here," Shuttlesworth said. "We have some unfinished husiness in Selma."

A few small knots of black and white spectators watched the demonstration silently as the marchers chanted "do the right thing." Police stood guard at the door to prevent the protesters from entering. Most of the offices inside, however, were either empty or locked.

The group later marched to the foot of the bridge, where they blocked traffic for about 20 minutes while Shuttlesworth and others spoke. At one point, an

# impatient motorist began honking his horn. Chamorro to turn over seized lands to tenants; to compensate owners

# Long-term health care

WASHINGTON, March 3, (AP): A binartisan commission recommen-ded an ambitious \$66 billion plan vesterday to provide health insurance and long-term care to nearly all citizens. It immediately drew criticism from

Congress and some of its own members for failing to recommend a way. The US hipartisan commission on comprehensive health care reported it has approved proposals to provide miversal health insurance.

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MANAGUA, March 3, (AP): The new government, led by the United National Opposition coalition, is planning to turn over land seized by the leftist Sandinistas to people now working it and compensate

the previous owners, officials said. Confiscated land that is now idle will be. rented out and priority will be given to its previous owners, said Francisco Mayorga, a senior economic adviser to presidentelect Violeta Barrios de Chamorro. Mayorga told reporters yesterday that

40 per cent of the nation's 2.5 million

arable acres is owned by the Ministry of Agrarian Reform.

He said the former owners will be comnensated with government bonds based on pre-confiscation tax values - something that may be painful for owners who deliberately undervalued their land. Land ownership is one of the key issues

during the transition between the Sandinistas, who were supported by the Soviet Union and Cuba, and Chamorro's USbacked coalition. The UNO candidates defeated the Sandinistas in last Sunday's election and will take office April 25. Chamorro said yesterday that the tran-

People now working that land will get sition talks were going well.

In addition to the issue of

In addition to the issue of land ownership, transition talks have focused on control of the Sandinista army and Interior Ministry security forces. The Sandinistas don't want to reduce give up control of those forces until the US-supported Nicaraguan guerrillas, or Contras, dis-

In Miami, Contra leaders said they would not disband until they could hold talks with Chamorro's government to guarantee their safety.

The Sandinista-controlled military forces are about 150,000 strong. UNO wants to reduce them sharply and eliminate the draft.

Mayorga, heading Monday to the United States to lobby for economic aid, said the new government would have to move fast to help farmers plant crops before the May rains. He said the nation would need \$500

million to \$600 million in annual aid from all sources, about what the same as it was receiving under President Daniel Ortega.

The bulk of the aid, however, came from Eastern Europe, Cuba and the Soviet Union, sources that were drying up even before the UNO victory.

### VOA saves six languages: The Voice of America on Friday announced that it has decided to save six language services slated for chimination America by budget cuts, in response to pressure from its as and listeners VOA director Richard Carlson informed

producers would keep their jobs. (AP) War criminal's home seized: A judge has ordered the seizure of the home and bank

The money will be used to pay the court costs of

# Red tape hampers food security hopes: Official

# Increase in agricultural area requested

THERE is every possibility to expand the agricultural sector io Kuwait, provided red tape and hureaucracy is eliminated, the Assistant General Secretary at the Ministries Council and board member of the Kuwait Farmers Unioo, Jasem Ahmad Al Ameer said.

Agriculture is basically a perishable commodity, and any delay in implementing decisions is counter productive, the

**NEWS IN** 

BRIEF

Amir praised

KUWAIT, March 3, (Kuna):

by his HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber

Al Ahmad Al Sabah, to the

widely-circulated Soviet weekly

magazioe "Ogooyok," was praised today by two Kuwaiti

An Arabic daily said when HH

iodicated that the various political and social regimes can

establish strong relations among them, HH actually was referring

to the principle of international relations, which Kuwait has, for

it added such a principle

gained Kuwait, this small coun-

try, global respect and apprecia-

tion in a world that is torn by

Meanwhile, another paper

said that the Amir reiterated his

firm support for the legitimate

Palestinian struggle.
It expressed the belief that

HH's statement, will be a reminder for the Soviet Union about its

ohligations to the Mideast peace,

particularly after the US started

to act as if it is the only power to decide the Palestinian people's

KUWAIT, March 3, (Kuna):

His Highness the Amir sent a

cable of coogratulations to

Moroccan monarch King Has-

san II on the occasion of the

anniversary of his assuming the

BAHRAIN, March 3, (Reuter):

Bahrain and Hungary decided today to establish diplomatic

relatioos, a foreign ministry

Bahrain previously had no relations with any state in the

Eastern bloc, swept by democratic changes last year.

Hungary abandoned its com-

munist constitution last

The announcement followed

talks today between the Amir. Sheikh 1sa Bio Sulman Al

Khalifa, and Hungarian Foreign

Ministry Undersecretary Frank

Gulf News Agency, said they agreed to establish ties "based on

non-ioterfereoce io ioternal

affairs" to increase friendship

ABU DHABI, March 3, (Kuna):

terial council of the Gulf Co-

operatioo Couocil (GCC)

tomorrow discusses several Gulf,

Arah and international issues, it

today learned that the session,

among other issues, will discuss

the latest developments in the

Gulf region topped by applica-

tion of peace between traq and

Iran and pushing forward peace

The ministers, sources said, will discuss Palestinian situatioo

and the impact of the Soviet Jews

immigratioo to the Arah

occupied territories on the peace

process in the Middle East, in

additioo to the Lebanese crisis.

The sources added that the ses-

sion, will tackle the latest developments in the inter-

national arena and repercussions

on the Arah nation, and the

GCC-EEC relations in the light

of the signed agreement between

review several economic reports related to links of the GCC with

other international economic

groups, in addition to the latest

private reports of committees of the GCC in the framework of

supporting and co-ordinating co-operation among GCC in

**Morocco celebrates** 

KUWAIT, March 3, (Kuna): Moroccan monarch King Has-

san 11 will deliver an important

speech today oo the occasion of

the 29th anniversary of assuming

Official sources informed a

local daily that the monarch will

discuss major Arah and inter-

national developments and will focus on the situation of his

country and the Polisario issue.

Hassan 11 will meet with mini-

sters, ambassadors and several

journalists who represent Asia,

Europe and Africa to answer

their questions on various Arab

The ceremony will be held at

and regional developments.

the city of Agadir.

The sources added that King

the throne, a press report said.

The two-day meetings will

them in 1988.

various fields.

efforts to achieve stability.

Kuwait News Agency (Kuna)

was disclosed here today.

The 34th session of the minis

and co-operation.

Ministers meet

The statement, carried by the

Amiri message

Diplomatic ties

statement said.

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differences and conflicts.

long, believed in.

Duriog an ioterview with a local daily, he added that as the union enters the decade of the 90's, it has very high hopes in relation to achieving food security in the

**Bottlenecks** 

Ameer advocated enhancing the improvement of the agricultural sector in

Kuwait based on latest technologies and to revaluate existing rules and regulations which have been found to contain several bottlenecks and in cases counter produc-

He said that further emphasis should be accorded to the agricultural sector hy emphasising the development of this sector oo a priority basis during the coming

Amir said that the study conducted by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and the Ministry of Electricity and Water on water storage should emcompass increasing the agricultural area in the country. Further, new policies of supply, marketing protection and innovative tech-cologies should be introduced, the official

# Houti opens Ghazali bridge

Public Works Minister Abdul Rahman Al Houti said today that completion of Al Ghazali Bridge project will be the start for eonstructiog the sea bridge which will connect Kuwait city with Al Subbiya city.

Houti, in a news conference following his inauguration of the four kilometres-long Ghazali Bridge, said the bridge is one of the ministry's major schemes to upgrade Knwait's highways network during the last years.

He indicated that the design-ing studies for Al Subbiya bridge are almost ready, expressing hope that the final picture of such a vital project will be clear soon.

The opening of the bridge, whose eost stood at KD29 million and took five years to construct, came within the country's celebrations of the 29th National Day.

The ioaugural ceremony was attended hy State Minister for Muoicipal Affairs Engineer Mobammed Al Rifai, Traffic Department Director Brigadier Abdul Hamid Al Haji, French ambassador to Kuwait as well as senior interior and public works officials.

# Awadi returns

THE Minister of Planning and acting Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi and his accompanying delegation are back in the country from Riyadh where he participated in the meetings of the 28th Council of Arab Gulf Ministers. He told a local daily that the

meetings marked the beginning between the Arab Gulf countries to further co-ordinate efforts to develop the existing level of He said that a number of sig-

nificant decisions were adopted at the meetings for the purpose of consolidating existing co-operation and co-ordination efforts in all fields, including health care. He said that of the important

decisions taken at the meeting was one to co-ordinate ongoing efforts to combat the Aids disease and drugs adding that the Arab Gulf health ministers had demanded the doubling of exist-

tions adopted at the meeting banned the publication of tobacco advertisements in the local press, adding that the forthcoming conference on dental health would discuss among other things oral health, treatment, prevention and matters pertaining to the existing dental equipment and medications.

Ali Al Masoodi stated that haviog a large ournher of bachelors living among family housing areas is considered one of the higgest problems. He stated that many bachelors force their way ioto family houses duriog late night hours to steal mooey and jewellery. At the same time, he added that they cause them a lot of annoyance duriog Thursdays and Fridays the reason they have prohibited their children from going outside the house during these two days.

# Egyptian envoy

KUWAIT, March 3, (Kuna): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sahah Al Ahmed Al Jaber received here today Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed Mahmoud Refat.

sides tackled bilateral relations and reviewed the latest Arab and international developments.

# KNSU continues to oppose credits system

# Large numbers of students dismissed

National Stodents Union (KNSU) Naser Al Emazi was quoted as saying that the union will continue its opposition to the Credit Hours System regulations which had been applicable to students of the academic year 1986/1987.

In a press conference held at the union headquarters in Al Khaldiya area, Einazi called for revising the regulations and said that application of these regula-tions had resulted in hundreds of students being forced to leave the

university.

He disclosed that although many leading personalities had called for amending the charter with respect to this clause, the previous administration of the university insisted on applying it claiming that they desired to develop the academic levels of students at the university. He said that hundreds of students had left the university, before others were officially dismissed.

Citing examples, he said that in 1986, 2,800 students of this system were supposed to have graduated, but in actual fact only 1,748 had been fortunate in being conferred with the certificate.

The remaining who had to leave the university, lost their years of study. He commented that strict application of this system will lead eventually to the dismissal of hundreds of students each semester. A system to be. effective, has to have a level of

flexibility, he added.

This high percentage of loss of students, is a big national loss that requires senior officials of. higher education to study the dangerous results of the application of this rule. He said that 72 per cent of students of the faculty of sciences; 92.7 per cent from the faculty of law and 50 per cent of faculty of engineering received warnings or were suspended for different reasons. At the faculty of law only seven students of. those who were admitted in 1986

were not served warnings. Commenting on the batch of 1987, he said that only 1,913 the deans committee on students are still registered. He 15.2.1990 to cancel the warnings

Bahraini women

leading the way

AS Bohrain joins the rest of the world in celebrating infernational

Women's Day this week it can be justifiably proud of the fremendous

strides the island's women have taken in social cultural,

educational and economic spheres. For indeed Bahrain's women's

rise in all aspects of life in the national environment and their

significant contribution to the overall progress of the nation puls

them on a high pedestal as far as women in the region are

concerned. The island's women rank among the pioneers in the Gulf.

in being the first to break through traditional and conservative

barriers and assume their much respected and impressive position

In Bahrain's modern society.

Education has been the key to the great success achieved by the

higher studies to colleges and universities here as well as abroad to

complete their education. The drop-out rate among boys of secon-

dary school-level is higher than that of girts, most of whom manage

to finish their studies even offer morriage, thanks to an increasingly

Access to higher education has given Bahraini women a new sense

of identity as an invaluable member of society. While closely

adhering to the spiritual cultural and social values, women here

have become conscious of playing a bigger role with respect to their responsibilities to themselves and family than before.

Bahrain's growing number of educated women are today par-

ticipating in nation-building with a zest and commitment that is

It has now become a matter of course and generally accepted for

Bahraini women to take up employment. For indeed it is deemed

unusual for a girl, who just finished echool or college, not to venture

Into the job market. Women are absorbed into the labour-force in

some cases faster than the males. Female employees outnumber men in most Civil Service departments. The private-sector, including

such sophisticated highly paid sectors as banking, insurance, travel, has not been for behind in recruiting national females thanks to

Bahrain government's policy of Bahrainisation and its keenness to

The achievement of Bahrain has been swift and commendable in

the last decade. There has been a growing member of females

holding professional positions in both notional and international

firms. In recent filmes women entrepreneurs here have become a

welcome sight in a flercely competitive hitherto male dominated private businesses. More and more Bahraini women, albeit with the

support and understanding of their husbands and family, are

venturing into the world of sophisticated business ventures like

beauty partours and bouliques. Bahrain's daugitters have been

beauty parious with bounding perfectly with the norms and trends of modern successful in blending perfectly with the norms and trends of modern

times in keeping with the fost-paced development in other parts of

the world without compromising their etimic values.

Achievements

acknowledged and even envied by its neighbours.

liberal and flexible society.

encourage females to work.

added that ,1008 students received warnings or were suspended (52.69 per cent) which is a very tragic percentage. He said that 76 per cent of students of allied medicine faculty received warnings which translates into these students oot being qualified to cootinue their

The 1988 hatch - 23.3 per cent of students who are still registered (2,599 students) have received first or second warnings of whom 90 per cent are Kuwaius.

Nevertheless, he said that the KNSU had visited the new administration of the university at the beginning of last fall and explained the seriousness of the issue. The new administration following the appointment of Dr Shuaih Abdullah as Rector of the university had shown great concern on the issue and assured union officials that the problem will be settled by the end of the first semester of the current academic year.

A new tripartite committee has been formed to follow up on the workings of this issue underthe chairmanship of Dr Najeeb Al Salem, the deputy rector for scientific affairs and has as its members, the dean of Registra-tion and Admission Dr. Sabah Qaddoumi and Dr Abdullah Al

Fuhaid from Kuwait University. However, Emazi said that the fall session had ended and the administration did not make any amendments, and has not kept its. promises. The three member committee did not have any meetings till the present, although it was set up in October 1989. The unioo on querying was told that the university is waiting for recommendations of faculties on this problem. The last date for receiving these recommenda-tions was Feb 14, 1990 and was extended to Feb 21, 1990; Once again, until 27.2.1990 none of the faculties have submitted their recommendations or proposals. He added that students were very happy at the decision taken by

issued to students of scientific majors. This facilitated many students to benefit from the partial amendment of the charter. He added that as representatives of the students, the union is obliged to have this clause of the university charter amended. Chance

Meanwhile, the dean of students of Kuwait University
Dr Abdulla Al Fuhaid said that students who receive three warnings are suspended for one session. During this session the student should submit a petition to the students affairs committee explaining the reason of his failure. The committee also studies the academic record of the student before deciding to give him another chance to increase his grades or to dismiss. him. The student should present documents showing social. health or other circumstances that led to his failure. He added that his meeting with representatives of students was to explain for them the work procedures of

the committee.

Dr Fuhaid pointed out that only 458 students from all batches and all faculties got three warnings at the end of last summer session. The committee gave hance to 120 students to study for another session to hike their grades and others were dismissed from university according to the basic charter of the course system at the university. But he added that this chance is an exceptional one and not a base. He added that it is not necessary that every student joins the university should graduate. He added that according to the traditional academic system the student is dismissed from university if he repeats the year and fails again. In US universities students are dismissed if they get two warnings. He denied that university dismisses students of the theoretical faculties because state does not want more graduates of these faculties. The students are dismissed only after completing four sessions at least and this is applied on all students at all faculties, he said.

# KOTO fleet competitive, says Bader

THE Kuwait Oil Tanker Company (KOTC) in the recent past has performed excellently from the technic operational view points, according to the chairman of the board and managing director of the company Abdul Fattah Sulaiman Al Bader

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the company had successfully passed through the Iran-Iraq war period and to maintain their usual oil loads transport with their shuttle

He said he believed that oil forwarding costs are expected to increase rapidly during the decade of the nineties due to the growing oil demand and the inability of international oil tankers to meet deliveries.

Bader said that the Kuwaiti fleet of oil tankers now matched the fleets of the best companies in the world io the area of operational cost, which resulted from the reconsideration of oil tankers maintenance. The company achieved a profit of KD 12 million in 1989 due to improvement in the crude oil tankersmarket, reduction in operating costs, and the marginal increase in oil returns.

## New tankers

The official disclosed that KOTC is having its aging oil tankers rebuilt and new tankers coostructed with high-calibre specifications to meet the expected increase in the world oil demand in the mid-nineties. Existing tankers in the world are around 380 to 400 of which 320 are old tankers built before 1977. The building of new tankers will take about 15 to 20 years, which explains why a rapid increase in the demand for oil is expected during the current decade.

# Wildlife zone

A WILDLIFE protected zone of Mahazat Al Sayed, near Tail city is considered the second largest fenced-reserve in the world. said Prince Sand Al Faisal, the foreigo minister, of Saudi

Arabia.

The Saudi Press Agency, SPA, quoted Prince Saud, who is also the executive member of the National Council of William National Council of Wild Life Conservation and Development (NCWCD), as saying the zone will be the nucleus to re-settle. wildlife in other similar planned regions in the Kingdom of Saudi



Borrow it now!

A well-adorned jeep was seen carefully poised on the roof of a house in one of the local residential areas

Neighbours were quoted as saying that the owner of the jeep came up with idea of positioning his car on during the 29th National Day celebrations. top of his diwaniya after getting bored with tha incessant requests of his friends to borrow his jeep.

# Review legislation, say private school owners

Almost 5,000 students at institutes

THERE are about 139,000 students studying in private Arabic schools and statistics indicate that a significant rise in the number of students is registered every year which entails reviewing the current legislations governing private education system in the country to keep abreast with changes in the

Speaking on the issue, the chairman of the Private School Owners Union, Khalifah Al Jari said that each class should ideally consist of 36 students, as opposed to the present number of around 42

The official commented that about 65 per cent of private school students study at modern schools that have been provided with an i including central airconditioning systems.

Giving a background on the activities of the union, Jari said that it had started its operations in 1973 with strengthening ties with the authorities concerned to achieve a co-operative spirit between these two official bodies. He added that the union spared oo efforts to upgrade the private education sector along with the co-operation of the authorities.
The union co-ordinates its efforts with authorities

concerned towards provision of the necessary plots for construction of modern schools and for conducting necessary educational research alongwith all infrastructure and facilities.

Meanwhile, the official praised the co-operation between the union and the private education department at the Ministry of Education, adding that the union is striving to enhance existing co-operation.

tuition among Arabic private schools and commen-ted that these fees had been defined by the Ministry of Education and had been specified as follows: KD130 for children attending kindergarten, without any government subsidy; KD67.500 for the primary stage with an additional amount of KD80 being paid by the Ministry of Education as a subsidy; and KD132.500 for secondary stages, with KD117.500 being ministry subsidy.

There have been intensified communications with the union and officials of the Ministry of Education in relation to the admission procedures pertaining to stateless persons at private schools, Jari said. He

added that positive results were obtained as the ministry agreed to admit stateless students in Arabic private schools provided that the pareots of these students are covered in the public census held in Kuwait in 1965. Further, admission of these students is based on total tuition fees being borne by

On salaries paid to the teaching staff at private Arabic schools, the official said that these are based on the Ministry of Education's scales. KD120 is paid for teachers in the primary stages, KD145 for the intermediate stage and KD180 for teachers of the secondary stages. He disclosed that the union is striving to ensure that salaries paid to staff at the private Arabic schools is on a level with their counterparts in the government schools. Unfortuna until the present, this has not been successful as the ministry refuses to subsidise these wages. However, he said that there is no truth in the rumour that teachers have not been paid their summer vacations as this has been accorded as their right by the

Investment

Commenting on charges that private education has transferred the educational process into a commercial venture, the official said that the education process constitutes a human investment for the benefit and prosperity of the nation. In this respect, the government allocates the largest budget to educate the future generations who will have to bear the country's responsibilities on their shoulders.

He added that the objectives of private education are identical to that of the government sector, alth-

the official said that these institutes supervised by the private education department at the Ministry of Education are well managed and the union will not hesitate to develop and co-operate with these institutes with their certified programmes. Approximately, 5,000 students are presently studying io these institutes, Jari said.

particularly after the setting up of the Ministry of Higher Education.

### country's growing female population. The Island's rulers have olways encouraged the participation of its women in the modernisation of the nation as for back as the twenties. In this respect Bahrain is ing taxatioo on imported the first country in the region to start a school for girts. Thanks to the ough costs allocated to students at the private Charges schools equals 25 per cent of the counterparts at the tobacco in a gradual process as pioneering efforts and foresight of its rulers. Bahrain's women's The official denied any disparity in the level of part of a well-organised antisuccess-story can rival that of Western nations. Today, females outhumber men in most of the country's government school. smoking education campaign. He said that the recommenda educational institution. An increasing number of girls proceed for

Speaking of the private institutes in the country,

He also called for setting up a new university,

# Too many bachelors in New Kheitan

Residents complain

NEW KHEITAN is considered one of Kuwaii's important areas, particularly since it is attached to Farwaniya Governorate which was established not too long ago. A large section of residents

residing at this new area complained from the increase io the number of bachelors living at areas near families which have restricted the latter's movements. Families residing there claim that the large oumber of bachelors cause problems. A local daily toured the area and interviewed some of the residents who called upon officials 10 put a

stop to this phenomenon.

Abdul Aziz Sulaiman said that one of the main problems faced by the New Kheitan area is the fact that it is oot a model area but rather a commercial area. He added that a large oumber of backelors living among families residences has caused many jams at elioics and eo-operative societies. At the same time, their existence near family complexes increases the possibilities of theft due to lack of censorship.

He pointed out that many bachelors enter family houses thinking that they are their friends houses which causes many problems. He indicated that many bachelors leave their gas cylinders open which may subject families living near by to dangerous surroundings.

He stated that when those bachelors are subjected to sudden residence inspections hy security forces, most violators will have oo place to hide but at family complexes and living areas. He added that many thefts were reported of small jewellery pieces from young girls while going to their schools.

He said that bachelors gathering at popular restaurants while operating their tape players at high volumes cause disturbances. He stressed that New Kheitan is not designated for bachelors but, still a large number reside there. He proposed that bachelors should live in areas away from families and should obtain separate services.

He hoped that officials will consider moving bachelors to other isolated areas and to increase the oumber of security patrols.

Marwan Ahu Swaireh stated that most families in the area suffer from the large oumber of bachelors living among family houses and the disturbance which is caused by their gathering during early morning hours when waiting for their buses. He added that most of the families don't permit their children to go outside due to fear of bachelors, particularly that they belong to a large range of nationalities and

Gathering

He said that on many occasions he had problems with some of the reckless drivers at the area and drivers who tend to park their vehicles at places designated for water tankers. He added that a large number of bachelors gather in front of houses and remain gossiping until late night hours. He

therefore, hopes that officials will end their sufferings as soon

During the meeting the two

A number of Bohrolns women are holding key and influential posts in government ministries and directorates to the field of health Bahraini women are not only outrembering men but heading key medical departments in health centes and hospitals. The only private dental laboratory in the country is run by a Bohroini lady

# Kuwait to establish modern fishing facility

# Failaka, Bubiyan waters to re-open soon

A MODERN facility to serve the fishing sector in the country will shortly be established according to Adnan Al Roshoud, director of the Fish Resources Departmeet at the Public Authority for Agricul-

Interviewed by a local daily the official said that the project is considered one of the vital projects in the country and is designed to mainly solve the country's fish

Radiation

protection

workshop

Diana Abou Haidar

Arab Times statt

CO-OPERATION among inter-

national organisations is required to deal with emergency

situations caused by over-exposure to radiation or the

release of significant quantities of radioactive material into the environment, said Dr Hussain

Gezairy, regional director of the Eastern Mediterraneao region at the World Health Organisation.

in a message that was delivered oo his behalf by Dr

Atarod Moditabai to the par-ticipants of the Regional Work-

shop on Radiation Protection yesterday, Gezairy said that

while strengthening inter-national co-operation in the field

of nuclear safety is the task of the

International Atomie Energy Agency, WHO is concerned with

the bealth aspects of radiation

The organisation aims at supporting its member states in

their operation of national radia-

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preparedness for handling radia-

tion emergencies," the statement

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The worksbop, which is organised by WHO, IAEA and the Ministry of Public Health aims at reviewing the situation of

radiation protection-services in

member states; and the koowledge concerning the effects of radiation on health. Io

addition to discussing methods

of monitoring radioactivity with

particular reference to medical

equipment and existing inter-

national radiation protectioo

"The use of atomic energy for

peaceful purposes requires that

any person who may come into

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applies equally to those working

with radiation, to the general public, as well as, in the case of

medicioe, to patients. Most countries have set up national

radiation protection services

with the principal task of ensur-

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He indicated that a special comprehensive survey will be conducted in the near future around Failaka and Bubiyan islands and after the survey is completed, fishermen will be permitted to undertake lishing in these areas. Additionally, there are many policies adopted by the departtural Affairs and Fish Resources. ment to develop fish resources.

Roshoud said that ships inspections are carried out without any prior ootice. There are no differences between licences issued by the department for commercial or professional fishing and further both commercial and professional fishing sectors comply with the same regulations implemented by the department.

### Inspections

He pointed out that government support facilities granted to the professional fishing sector in Kuwait are represented by the financial support granted to fishing

boats, maiotenance of fishing gear on board these boats io additioo to rationalising fishing catches.

Rosbnud said that closure of some fisbiog areas depends on security, particularly after the end of the Iraq-Iran war. Further, he said that comprehensive co-operation has been carried out with Knwaif Institute for Scientific Research in many studies and reseach areas aimed at developing fish resources io the country.

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Surra Health Centre opens

Planning and Acting Haalth Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi yesterday officially inaugurated the Surra Health Centre. The centre, which was opaned to the public on December 9, provided health cara services and general treatment to a population of ten fhousand.

# Conference opens

# Greater attention being paid to range resources

By Lima Al Khalafawi Arab Times staff

THE world today is facing a serious problem reflected io the decline of food productioo compared to the increased population, according to the Minister of State for Cahioct Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed.

Rashed said during the open-ing of Second International Con-ference on Range Management in the Arabian Gulf yesterday that, Kuwait is developing desert and range resources using the latest technology and affirmed the importance of boosting local food output to reduce the gap between production and consumption.

He said that studies should be

pursued on characteristics of arid areas and noted that Sheikh Saad and HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad had urged paying greater attention to developing desert and pastural resour-

Rashed said that bolding the conference in Kowait for the second time, March 3-6, crystallises the organising parties' interest in following up fruitful scientific effort and dialogue toward reaching the best means of developing pastures management

He affirmed Kuwait's keenoess on bolstering joint Gulf endeavour and joint work with sisterly and friendly countries in all spheres of modern technology... Meanwhile, board chairman

and director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaii Al

By Fathima Ahmad

Arab Times staff

THE number of Gulf students at

Scottish universities has oearly

doubled in the last four years, according to Prof. David W.A.

Sharp of the University of Glas-

Prof. Sharp is in Kuwait with a

group of eight other university

representatives to take part in the

Scottish Universities Exhibition

which opened at the SAS Hotel

University alone there are about

150 students, double the num-

bers four years ago, from all over

the Gulf, mainly interested in

engineering, medicine, business

administratioo and under-

graduates studying a variety of

He said Scottish universities

are gaining popularity among

students from Gulf states due to

the relatively inexpensive, but

equally good quality education

that these universities offer, said

The average cost of under-graduate studies varies, depend-

ing on the subject. For example, a

four-year course in arts and

social studies costs about

£25,000; medicine and dentistry,

a parent might have to spend

The Scottish International

Foundation Programme (SIFP),

which has 14 participating ins-

titutions, offers the foundation

programme for students.

Basically, the SIFP prepares

students to reach the required

standard to join any one of the

Scottish universities, tutoring

them in English language to ena-

between £60,000 to £70,000.

Prof. Sharp said at Glasgow

yesterday.

subjects.

Prof. Sharp.

pasture land for Kuwait since it covers 90 per cent of the country.

The authority has launched mcessant efforts in the past five. years to enhance pastures management-related activities based on their importance for providing fodder, meat and greenery, he added.

Sheikh Ibrahim regretted that pastures io the country had greatly deteriorated due to various oegative activities which almost completely wiped out the area's flora. In a keynote address on the

sustainable use and management of the world's rangelands; F. Busby from Wiorock Inter-national Austitute for Agricul-tural Development, said that almost no investment has been made to help rangelands in many parts of the world to recover.

He added that soil, water, applicable to rangeland management has only been cooducted for about 100 years, and site specific research has not been mitiated in many parts of the world. There is lack of knowledge of the cultural and social characteristics of most range users.

Bushy said that uoder-graduate, graduate and extensioo education programmes in rangeland management are few in oumber and inadequately staffed to prepare students and range users to deal with complex rangeland ecosystems.

Deterioration The present situation of pas-

Scots offer education opportunities

tures io the GCC states was presented by N. Ayyed of Gulf Co-operatioo Council, Riyadh, Sahah stressed importance of

Saudi Arabia. Ayyed said that GCC states fall within the arid

and semi-arid area.

He added that approximately twenty per cent of the total area of GCC states is coltivable. Climate is arid and dry with little rain, which falls during the winter season, with high evaporation which sometimes reach 3500mm per year. Terrain in GCC is almost similar, except for some mountain areas.

Ayyed said that deterioration of common pastures have resulted from extended drought, excessive grazing, and the ownership of rangelands (no man's land). The total areas of rangelands in the region varies depending on the adopted definition for rangelands."
He added that GCC states

have made a noticeable mave towards improving pastures, stations and applying oew regulations to protect and maintain pasture areas.

During the secood session, a keynote Data address oo remote sensing techniques as an aid to the management of arid and semi-arid rangelaods was presented by P. Tueller from University of Nevada, USA.

Tueller said that arid rangeland management approaches require considerable expertise. Remote sensing acquired in appropriate ways and cleverly interpreted by trained range managers will serve as a valuable data source. Training in the use of remote sensing techniques is of paramouot importanec aod must be coupled with a high level of proficiency in modern range management techniques.

# re-possess homes from non-Kuwaitis

THE National Housing Authority, NHA, may find it necessary to repossess popular houses in old Jahra area from con-Kuwaiti military personnel to use the laod for constructing houses for Kowaitis, NHA Director-General announced

Director-General announced yesterday.

Ibrahim Majed Al Shahin said io an interview that the NHA is faced with an acute shortage of land fur construction of housing projects. Present land is enough for the construction of only 12,000 housing units against the projected 28,000 units during the current five-year plan of the NHA, Shahin emphasised. So, the authority will try its best to find alternatives to fulfil its plans. He said that HH the plans. He said that HH the Crowo Prince and Premier is paying special attention to this issue and a ministerial committee was formed to follow-up the mat-

Solutions

Popular houses in old Jahra are currently occupied by ooo-Kuwaiti military personnel employed by the Ministries of Defcoce and Interior. Shahin said that these bouses were rented to military personnel as these are not covered by the authority's housing welfare scheme. He said that the scheme is only for Kuwaitis.

Shahin added that the authority is currently holding consultatinns with both ministries to find suitable solution to the issue. He said that there are other alternatives like building temporary bouses or renting apartments or graoting bousing allowance. However, be said that after the completing of housing projects in Jahra, Kuwaitis will be asked to vacate their old bouses and the authority will provide them to the ministries to use them for accommodating non-Kuwaiti military personnel. Shahin said that

is ont facing any financial problems and KD150 million has been made available for the current year's bousing projects. He said that the authority may solve part of the land scarcity problem by constructing housing units for Kuwaitis in the new cities of Kheiran and Subbiya. He said that the door is open for Kowaitis to obtaio a bousing plot and a loan to construct their own houses in Wafra area. He added that the Higher Housing Council is still considering alternatives to the problem.

## Haroun in Iraq

BAGHDAD, March 3, (Kuna): Undersecretary at the Ministry of Higher Education Dr Musaed Al Haroun conferred here today with Iraqi Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Munthir Al Shawi on means of boosting education cooperatioo betweeo Iraq and Kuwait.

Haroun also met with his Iraqi counterpart Sahri Radis aod exchanged with him issues concerning higher education and scholarships within the framework of the cultural agreement between two countries.

Later in the day, Haroun met with Kuwaiti students in Iraq and discussed with them issues pertaining to their studies and the problems they face.

The delegation will leave for Jordan next Monday.



By Jadranka Porter **Arab Times staff** 

Tanzania President arrives

LONG before Poland was willing to recognise free competitioo and the rules of supply and demand, Mrs Agnieszka Duczmal (procounced Agnyeshka Duchmal) succumbed to market

"I follow the rules of the market. If you want the best there is oo time to be sentimental. I would do anything to get the best," she stressed.

But when the pro-democracy movement swept Poland she held back. "There is no room for democracy in our busioess. Everybody has to follow my instructions and one way of interpretatioo. Ooly such ao approach yields good results." So says the only Polish woman cooductor. To prove her poiot she founded the Amadeus Chamber Orchestra more than 20 years ago. Since then she and her group moved from strength to streogth gaining world acclaim. Duczmal, 43, bas received an award from a most famous conductor of this half of century, voo Karajan, who himself was known not only for his genius but also for his dictatorial manner.

Little of that domioatiog streak is immediately seen io Duczmal, although the first impressioo does relay commitment and self-confidence.

Modest to the poiot of being self-effacing the turns every con-versation ahout her success into a discourse about music and art. But to see a true conductor, complete with that authoritarian manner, just ask her about how she maintains high performance standards in her orchestra. "I scan the market, hold audi-

tions, go to competitions. The minute I fiod someone better I take them," she says. Only five of



Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi arrived yasterday in Kuwait on a four-day visit. Mwinyi was greeted at the airport by HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premiar Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, Deputy Premier

and Foreign Ministar Shaikh Sabah Al Ahmed and other senior government officials. Tha Tanzanian

Prasidant is accumpanied by his foreign minister and other ranking government officials. A mission of honour, headed by Public Works Minister Abdut Rahman Al Houti, has been formed to escort the

> Agnieszka ... world acclaim the original 20-member orchestra are still with the group. But although she can sound and act tough she claims she is also patient. She has to be since she is in charge of 20 sensitive egos. musicians who each is a kind of

Orchestration

Among the greatest challenges for Duczmal is to reconcile the interests of the orchestra with those of individual players and engage in diplomacy the task To create good music in a

friendly but stressful atmosphere ooe bas to perform a oever-ending balancing act," she says. Preliminary screening helps. Duczmal has to be something of a psychologist to select the right people for the orchestra. Their musical capabilities come first hut almost equally important is their ability to adapt to the orcbestra and work under stress. Each oew addition to the team has to go through a trial period," mandates the conductor.

Helping her to see the players' point of view is bor husband Jozef of 21 years, who plays doublc hass with the Amadeus. "I

cannot imagine life or work without him around," says Duczmal like so many wives before her. And how does he feel about having his wife for a boss? "When we play I forget that she is my wife,' says Jozef. instrument

Music has always been a family affair for Duczmal, Two of her three children play the cello and violio. "I doo't separate my profes

sional and family life," she says. This attitude stems from her childhood. She was raised in a family of music lovers. A decisioo to become a conductor came early to her, wheo she was eight. "For me the batoo was the most beautiful instrument" sbe decided after a coocert sbe attended in 1955. "Ever since then I dreamt of becoming a conductor." But theo she already was, if what she says is true - "you doo't learn to become a conductor, you either are one or you are not." Endorsed by Karajan, the only

woman cooductor in Poland and one of the very few in the world, shestill had to be twice as good as ted by them. Yet, she harbours oo bitterness. "I never think of this profession in terms of sex," she says.

But the audience sometimes do. She recalls a time when she felt their suspicion boring into her back. Half way through the concert she felt a change of mood. She knew she woo them over. These days, her back mostly registers the warmin of an intense interest. There is this fluid betweeo me and them. I don't have to turn around to

know what they feel," she says. The Amadeus Chamber Orchestra led by Duczmal will perform tonight at 8 pm and tomorrow oight at the Kuwait loternational Hotel.

# Failaka murderer to hang

By Sayed Othman

by hanging. The court also supported imprisoning the convict to four years with hard labour on charges of sexually assaulting the victim prior

victim's death, he was 15 years of age.

The gruesome crime was reported to the police hy the sister of the victim who on returning from Kuwait found the house on fire and the burnt body of the boy behind a door.

body which had been caused by a sharp tool and that he was burnt after

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## KUWAIT, March 3, (Kuna); Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzak Al

are going to take part.

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gurates the Polish Trade Fair in which 32 Polish companies

The companies which

represent different iodustrial,

food construction, commun-

ications and medical sectors

will exhibit their products at

the loternational Fair

Grounds in Meshrif for one

KUWAIT'S Court of Appeals has enhanced the original life imprisonment seotence of the accused in the Failaka child murder case to death to murderiog him and burning the body.

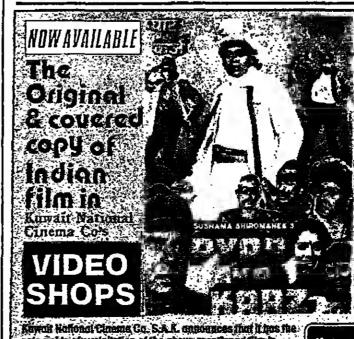
The court was told that the convict identified as Jaber Hussain — 30

years of age, worked for one of the Kuwaiti families on the island. It was further revealed that the convict had sexual relations with the victim oo several occassions since the victim was 9 years of age. At the time of the

Forensic experts revealed that the victim had several wounds on his

he was murdered.

The fair aims at developing trade exchange between Poland and Kuwait.



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# Disease

Gezairy said.

added that while knowledge on the usefulness of atomic radiation is being gained, its dangers are also being recognised. "For example, strootium-90 concentrates in the bone matrix and damages the bone marrow, while iodine 131 concentrates in the thyroid and destroys its tissue."

Gezairy pointed out that man has always been exposed to ionizing radiation. "Long before its: existence was recognised, human beings were receiving radiation from space (cosmic radiation) and from the Earth itself. The amounts have always varied widely depending on where people live...Furthermore, we also know that some plants extract natural radioactivity from the ground and concentrate radioactive elements in their stems and

He stated that man bas always had to live with radiation and the human body has developed mechanisms to repair radiation damage at the cellular level as well as other responses to control both latent and overt effects. "A great change in the pattern of radiation to which man has been exposed occurred with the development of nuclear weapons and their by-products of peaceful

Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, minister of planning and acting minister of public health, who attended the opening at the Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital said that Kuwait has been very successful in using radioactive material in treatment of cancer and stressed the importance of proper and careful use of these methods to ensure the safety of patients and health workers.

The conference will cootinue till March 15.



ble them to sit for entrance tests SIFP director Dr A.F. Cameron said the foundation programme is needed by most students from the Gulf. "Most students go through school, studying in Arabie and many find it difficult to make a transition to any British university," he explained.

Gulf students also have difficulties due to what Dr Cameroo described as a "different approach to teaching." Due to the approach of

education, most students have oot been taught how to solve problems and rely on 'memory'." he explained. Dr Cameroo and Prof. Sharp

agreed that the universities had a

tongb selection policy and

demanded high standards from "We're oot making it easy for them but giving them a chance to

Proficiency in Eoglish language is a must, which if needed is polished by the SIFP. The Scottish universities doo't offer any specific privileges to

Gulf students hut they get such facilities as the social welfare office, students health centres, and campus accommodation in the first year of studies. Weareaware of the problems

faced by Arab students; both girls and boys study and we cannot change that," said Prof. Dr Cameron insisted that "oo

attempt is made to influence a student's culture." Studying in Scotland, he hoped, whuld be a good experience that a student could "put to gnod use in life." Asked how they viewed the concept of marketing education,

Prof. Sharp said: "Personally, I think for too long educators have confined to what they think is right. What we are doing now is talking to customers - parents - and have become more accessible to them to see what he or she wants for the child." Representatives from the

universities of Aberdeen, Stirling, Strathclyde, Dundee and Edinburgh are also taking part. They are Dr Jeffrey Stone, Martin Davies, Dr Abdel Hadi Fawzi, Mike Mastersoo and Dr Hillenbrand. The principal of the Morrison's Academy, offering schooling, is also part of the team.

The exhibition, organised by British Council, Kuwait, continues at the SAS today and tomorrow and will be open between 4 and 8 pm.

# rug production in Middle East soars: report

WASHINGTON, March 3, (Kuna): An annual State Department report on the world drug production and trafficking shows that global production of drugs has soared in the last year, including the Middle East, as drug traffickers have sought new ways and new markets to beat US-backed enforcement efforts.

The 401-page report, submitted to Congress, shows that drug traffickers have succeeded in corrupting police and other officials in a growing number of countries as the so-called drug-mafias spread their influence in most regions of the world in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

The most alarming aspect of the State Department report, officials said, was its new world drug production figures. With new intelligence methods - which sources say include spy satellites - marijuana production in a number of countries, including Mexico, is estimated to be 10 times bigher than previously thought.

In the Middle East, Lebanon was cited as a major drug producer and transit point. The report said Lebanon needs to do more to co-operate with the US but it was still certified by the Bush administration as "fully co-operating" because it is

Syria that actually controls the Bekaa

Estimates by US officials indicate that opium production increased significantly in Lebanon in 1989, to as much as 45 metric tons compared with 30 metric tons of opium in 1988.

The annual American drug report notes that Egypt is an important con-sumer of hashish and heroin produced in the Middle East and in Asia. It is also considered an important transit point for drugs destined for Europe and the US. In 1989, the Egyptian government toughened its drug laws and carried out

the first execution in many years for drug trafficking, according to the study. And for the first time Egypt extradited a drug trafficker to the US it claimed that some money laundering occurs in Egypt but most profits flow abroad.

Morocco is cited as a major source of cannabis, primarily for European and African markets. It is also considered a transit point for heroin and cocaine smuggling by air from Southwest Asia and South America to Europe.

Syria is cited as a major transit point for illicit narcotics and is considered a heroin refining centre. The State Department report charged that Syria's military controls the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon and profits from its widespread production and trafficking

It added, "because Syria has taken fewactions to stop drug production and traf-ficking, it was denied certification in

For the first time in these annual reports, the United Arab Emirates is cited, not for drugs, but for being a major financial baven for drug traffickers

Cyprus is cited as being "neither a significant consumer nor producer of



Palestinian trade unions unite

Three rival tradaunton groups in the occupied West Bank ended a nine-year rift on Thursday and united in one lederation bolstering the goals of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

"Our objective is to gather our forces and energies to serve our workers and our national economy," said Shaher Sa'ed, (shown above) head of the New General Federation of Trada Unions in tha West Bank.

Speaking at a press conference in Arab occupied aast Jarusalem, Sa'ed said the merger serves Palestinian workers and the Palestinian national cause. The executive committee reaffirms its stand with respect to the basic and inalianable right of our peopla in establishing their independent stets with occupied Jerusalem as its capital and the PLO as its sole legitimate represen-

The General Federation of Trade Unions, established in 1965 as part of the Jordanian Federation of Trade Unions, split over political differences in 1981 into four groups, all pro-PLO. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Cyprus talks fail: no progress made

UNITED NATIONS, March 3. (UPI): Cypriot President George Vassiliou said yesterday negotiations mediated by the UN Secretary-General have failed to settle the conflict between Greek and Turkish communities in Cyprus.

Vassiliou told a news conference to conclude five days of hard bargaining with his opponent, Turkisb Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash. that "no progress has been made."

"We failed," Vassiliou said. He said, in fact, there had been no talks, no negotiations. There had been a number of meetings that led to nothing because of preconditions imposed by the other

Vassition, leader of the majority Circek-Cypriots, charged Denklash with raising the issue of selfdetermination and the legalisation of the division of the island from the the first days of talks on Mon-

Such pre-conditions were not part of the mandate of Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who used his good offices to con-duct the negotiations beginning in August, 1988, This week's round of meetings was the third.

Vassiliou met with Denktash and Perez de Cuellar for nearly two hours yesterday afternoon before announcing the failure of the

Denktash told reporters upon leaving the UN headquarters in New York that if Turkish Cypnots were not given the right to selfdetermination, there would be no federation, which is the target all sides has been seeking for the

Vassiliou said the two communities had already exercised their. right to self-determination when they gained independence from Britain in 1963. The following year bloody fighting crupted between the two sides, prompting the security council to send more than 2,000 peacekeepers to man a so-called "green line" dividing them.

In 1974, Turkey sent 35,000 troops to support Turkish Cypriots in the third northern part of the island after a Greek-backed coup d'etat failed. In 1983, Denktash declared an independent state. which was not recognised by the United Nations.

The negotiations mediated by Perez de Cuellar aimed at drawing up a framework draft agreement for a comprehensive solution to the dispute. The comprehensive solunon would include withdrawal of Turkish troops, establishment of a federal government and right of movement and properties by Cypriots.

# **Egypt extremists attack** Coptic churches: 15 hurt

ASSUT. Egypt, March 3, (AP): Scores of fundamentalist Muslim militants stoned two Coptic Christian churches and a youth club in a southern Egyptian town, injuring 15 people, a town official said today.

The state-run Middle East News Agency distributed a report making no

mention of those attacks but saying the militants burned a Coptic-owned candy plant, a neighbouring timber depot and four cars.

The town official said the attacks occurred at Abu-Kurkas, t50 miles (240

km) south of Cairo in Al Minya province. Al Minya lies just oorth of Assiut, which has experienced frequent episodes of violence from Muslim militants for almost a decade.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said almost 100 militants

threw stones in the attacks on churches and a nearby Coptic youth club, smashing windows and slightly injuring 15 worshippers.

He said the assaults came during Coptic prayer services customarily held during a 55-day period of fasting preceding Coptic Easter, which this year coincides with Western Eastern on April 15.

The official said police detained 45 attackers and were looking for another 45.

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Police Maj. Gen. Maher Hassao Ibrahim, Al Minya's provincial security chief, referred questions to the Interior Ministry in Cairo, which is responsible for internal security. The ministry spokesman's office also refused to discuss the

The government news agency report, which appeared to be an Interior Ministry handout, blamed the trouble on "members of extremist groups," the ministry's standard euphamism for Muslim militants. It put the oumber of

ministry's standard euphanism for Muslim mutants. It put the outlies of detainess at 37.

The agency said militants last week abducted the son of the candy plant owner "on suspicion of having a love affair with a Muslim girl," It said a friend of the son also was kidnapped with him.

The agency identified the factory owner as Saad Habib Sidein but did not give

the son's name.

Quoting Interior Ministry sources, it said Friday's arson attack followed the

arrest of the alleged kidnappers and release of the two captives.
in Cairo, the state-owned newspaper Al Gomhouria reported the attackers tried unsuccessfully to set fire to the churches. "Security authorities brought the

situation under controt," the newspaper said without specifying now.

Restive Muslim activists in Assiut province, who the Abu-Kurkas official said belong to the same militant group as those in Al Minya, have carried out similar attacks on Coptic property in recent years.

# tocalm Israeli

anger WASHINGTON, March 3, (Reuter): The Bush administration yesterday offered Israel guaranteed loans to belp resettle Soviet Jews in an effort to calm Israeli anger over tough words by Secretary of State James Baker and rescue Middle East peace

Baker angered Israel on Thursday by appearing to link administration support for loan guarantees worth \$400 million to an Israeli commitment not to expand its settlements in the occupied territories.

Israeli officials said the statement to a congressional subcommittee severely weakened Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir in his struggle to move forward on Middle East peace and why have wrecked months of painstaking diplomatic work.

In an abrupt reversal yesterday, State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler said Washington would support giving Israel the loan guarantees if Israel provided assurances about the use of the money similar to those it already provides regard-ing its regular \$3 billion in annual

The good news, which should be viewed as good news .... (is) we were no longer reviewing this, that we were prepared to support it, provide that we had some types of assurances; Turwiler said.

Asked if an assurance that Israel would not use the \$400 million to build housing in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip would be acceptable, Tutwiler said:

"We would view that as a step in the direction and as a positive.

Baker's statement was mark-

edly different.
"If we provide housing guarantees, we have no assurance whatsoever that the housing guarantees provided will not simply supplant other money that's then used to support settlements in the occupied territories," he said.

But several diplomatic and official sources said the new US language may have come ton late to rescue Baker's peace initiative aimed at arranging an unprecedented Israeli-Palestinian peace dialogue.

"It was unbelievable. In half an hour of rash talk, Baker may have wrecked 11 months of patient diplomacy," said one source familiar with Middle East neace efforts.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir attacked Baker's comments on Soviet Jewish immigrants and said Israel may not respond to all Washington's proposals for peace talks with Palestinians.

Baker enraged Israel by saying that Washington was running out of patience and wanted guarantees that Jewish set-tlement in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip would be curtailed in exchange for US aid

for Soviet immigrants.
"If was taken aback generally at the timing chosen by the United States government, or the secretary of state, in putting before us an inflammatory idea like this, "Shamir said yesterday.

## Yemens merger. talks March 26 SAN'A, March 3, (AP): The two

SAN'A, March 3, (AP): The two
Yemens will hold their second joint
government session in Aden on
March 26 to discuss merger plans,
it was reported today.

The date was fixed at an informal meeting of the two prime ministers yesterday in the North
Yemenicity of Tatz, according to a
joint communique published in the
stats-run Yemeni media.

The prime ministers, AbdulAziz Abdul-Ghani of North
Yemen and Yassine Saced

Yessen and Yassine Saced Noaman of South Yessen, have already agreed that a joint budget for 1991 will be drafted and that their two central banks will be milied as part of the merger. Leaders agreed at a meeting last November to merge their two countries within a year.

# Stop public feuds, Khamenei warns

# Power struggle denied

NICOSIA, March 3, (AP): Iran's spiritual leader bas warned officials to halt their increasingly public feuding in an intensifying power struggle between President Hashemi Rafsanjani's so-called pragmatists and rival

Ayatollah Ali Khamenci urged: "You must preserve the oneness of your statements, and eschew differing calls of any

"No one must make any move which creates differences," he said in Tehran, addressing personnel of the Islamic republic guards corps. Khamenei denied there was a

power struggle in the Tehran leadership and accused the Wes-tern media of falsely "spreading He cited "many rumours that have been spread these days by

the enemy in our society," an apparent reference to claims by Iranian dissidents of riots in Tehran and other Iranian cities in which opposition groups said 300 demonstrators were killed. Rafsanjani's pragmatists, locked in a power struggle with

the radicals, seek an opening to the West to attract investment and technology. The radicals, led by former Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi, fear heightened contact with the West will dilute

the legacy of the late Ayatoliah, Khomeini.

Sheraton hotel, they said.

CAIRO, March 3, (Agencies): The death toll in a fire that

destroyed a five-star Cairo hotel rose to 17 with the

discovery of another body, police sources said today.

The badly hurned body was found yesterday in the bath

of a second floor room in the six-storey Heliopolis

The blaze, which raged for six bours, erupted early on

Thursday at a clay oven in the hotel's traditional Outdoor

Maj. Gen. Adel Negm, chief of the Cairo fire brigade charged that Sheraton officials illegally put up the tent on

its grounds. "They are illegal they are fire-hazards," he

But Sheraton's director of Middle East Operations. Sami Zogbi, denied the hotel ever was warned about using tents. "If that's true, how come the authorities didn't pull it down?" be asked. "We had fire-fighting equipment, at

least 20 large extinguishers in the tent, but the winds were

very strong."

Confusion continued over the identity of the victims.

The British embassy said one Briton was confirmed dead.

victim as Robert Cresap, whose wife is being treated for smoke inhalation. Another three Americans were still

The US embassy named the only known American



The power struggle has inten-sified since Khamenei, a Rafsanjani ally, was chosen to succeed Khomeini after the revolutionary patriarch's death in June, and Rafsanjani was elected president a month later.

The jockeying for power, which Khomeini had often kept in check with his unassailable status as "imam" or supreme leader, has spilled out into the open before. The most recent incident appeared earlier this month over Tehran's call for author Salman Rushdie's death.

But Rafsanjani, who regards the issue as an obstacle to relations with the West, sought to

Cairo hotel tent was illegal

an imperative to an expression of

Two days after Iranians marked the first anniversary of Khomeini's Feb 14 ruling he told Friday prayers in Tehran that Khomeini's edict was only the view of one expert on an issue of Islamic jurisprudence."

Rafsanjani was immediately rebuked by the head of the judiciary, Ayatollah Moham-mad Yazdi, who did not mention the President by name, but declared the death call was "an official, judicial command, not just a religious decree." In a veiled attack on Rassan-

jani, the hardline Parliament Speaker, Mahdi Karrubi, last week expressed astonishment at "astounding refrains in our religious circles."
He warned that "obeying the

imam means obeying the verdicts and orders issued by him."

Implicitly acknowledging Rafsanjan's statement and the retorts, Khamenei warned Thursday that if one person makes a differing statement, "others must not resonate it.".

Khamenei angered radicals in January when he warned them not to frustrate Rafsanjani's efforts at revitalising the sluggish economy. He urged the radical-domin-

ated Parliament to pass the government's \$112 billion fiveyear plan calling for privatisa-tion of inefficient industries and encouraging foreign investment.

unaccounted for, according to the US embassy

At Heliopolis hospital, Mrs Creap told the Associated Press yesterday that her husband had died. When asked

how, she calmly said, "that's what I have to find out." On Thursday, Mrs Cresap said she and her husband had

just arrived in Cairo, checked into the Heliopolis Sheraton

"We saw the big flames and went out to the corridor, but' there was so much black smoke and we couldn't find the

fire exit," she said.
"We knocked on doors and gathered a big group and

finally found the stairs, but the smoke was too much. We had to turn back. And then I fainted."

Most of her comments were in writing, because she was too weakened from her ordeal to speak. The hospital's Dr

Faiza El Masry said yesterday Mrs Crespa's vocal chords still were affected by smoke inhalation.

A French diplomat disputed an official Egyptian report that the dead included eight French nationals. He said

there might be three of his countrymen among the dead.

Hospital sources said American pilot Patrick Nelson.

who broke his back after jumping from the sixth floor was

flown out of the country on a special flight for treatment

and had not even gone to sleep when the fire began:



# Beirutis emerge to survey ruins

# **US blames Aoun**

BEIRUT, March 3. (Agencies): The ultimate church threat of excommunication has brought at least a temporary half to a bloody war between Lebanon's Christians in which about 800 people have died in the past

Exhausted civilians emerged from dank shelters today to survey the ruins of homes blasted: by a power struggle between army General Michel Aoun's troops and the Lebanese Forces (LF) militia headed by Samir

The United States yesterday blamed Aoun for the latest out is break of fighting us Deirut and deplored what it called the 'slaughter of innocent

"We are deeply concerned about the resumption of fighting in Beirut. We understand that General Aoun is responsible for this latest outbreak," said State-Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler.

"We believe that this latest fighting and grievous loss of life underscores the need for all Lebanese to unify behind President Hirawi, said Tut-

Mohammad Annan adds from Beirut: Nabih Berri, mini-ster of hydro-electric resources in the government of President Hirawi, has told "As-Scyassah" that the current inter-Christian warm east Beirut will eventually serve Lebanese legitimacy and the implementation of the Taif agreement-: --

Berri, speaking in an interview, said that France, the Vatican which had opposed the Taif agreement, are now declaring their support for this agreement because they dis-covered that it is the only solution to end the one-month-long Christian civil war. Berri, ruled out a military

intervention in east Beirut by the Hirawi government because the army under General Emile Lahoud lacked the military

equipment and potentials needed to crush the mutiny of Aoun.

The battle for control of the Christian enclave erapted on January 31 when Aoun deman-ded that the LT disarm and disband. Geagea has yowed to fight to the death to maintain his

militia. Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir, head of the Maronite. church to which Aoun, Geagen, and most of their followers: belong, threatened yesterday 10

excommunicate the Christian leaders unit their troops anless leaders unit their troops anless leaders unit their troops anless leaders unit their troops and the latest battles, concedinated life the Sin Al-Fil area, dealt Aoun a licavy blow and gained little ground. "I believe Aoun is finished militarily and perhaps even politically," one diplomat fold Reuters: They have to find a

may decide to fight on but the army is in bad shape and sick of A senior Christian political leader close to Aour said the general had to realise he had lost militarily and the battles should stop while a final peace set-

way out for him. Of course, he

tlement with the LF was negotiated. Western diplomats speculated. that serious peace negotiations would take place in the next

week. They said the Vatican and, France had put miense pressure, on Aoun to halt the attacks. They said the LF's tenacious resistance had also contributed to the ceasefire.

Beirut's independent An Nahar newspaper said France was trying to persuade Aoun to. step down and hand over the presidential palace in East Berrut to Syrian-backed President Elias! Hirawi, who he had refused to recognise.

Renters correspondents who toured the battle zone said many people interviewed today cursed both Aoun and Geagea.

## China-Iran arms talks denied BAGHDAD, March 3. (Reuter): Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen

ending a three-day visit to Iraq, said today that reports of recent arms deals between his country and Iran were 'completely baseless.' Asked by reporters to comment on the reports, he said talks between China and Iran had not touched on the subject and were centred on scientific and

and Iran had not touched on the subject and were centred on securing and technological co-operation only.

"The arms trade must be limited within the sale of weapons for self-defence... and must help to achieve stability and peace in the region," he said.

Beijing supplied Iran with silkworm missiles and other weapons during by 1920-88 war with Iraq.

Qian met Iraql President Saddam Hussein, Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz and Deputy Prime Minister Saadoun Hammadi for discussions on improving economic relations.

"Both sides had expressed a strong desire to continue relations of friendship and co-operation, despite the presence of some difficulties in the exchange of economic and trade relations," he said.

He did not elaborate but said a joint committee meeting in April would tackie

the problems.

Chinese firms last year signed contracts with Iraq worth more than 350 million, mainly for railways and roads.

## yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto) Kunar polls challenge for rebel forces in Kabul and Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, March 3, (AP): An election yesterday in an Afghan province is emerging as a challenge 10 both the communists in Kabul and the main anti-communist forces in Pakistan.

The election for control of the local government in the rugged northeastern border province of Kunar is being contested by Hezb-i-Islami and a bandful of smaller independent parties. The alliance of six major rebel groups beadquartered in Peshawar, Pakistan boycotted the vote. Abdul Rahim, a spokesman for the Peshawar Alliance, said, "elections are a

mechanism to bring understanding among

all people, but this isn't creating any understanding."
"Without the money that Hezb and the others spent there would have been no

An Egyptian nurse treats Sylvie Favrot from France who survived the fire at Sharaton Hofel in Cairo

The only other group of any size that participated in the Kunar elections, according to Rahim, was a renegade party of fundamentalist Muslims.

Last summer the fundamentalist rebel leader, Gulbaddin Hekmaryar, distanced his Hezb-i-Islami from the Pakistan-based rebel alliance.

Abdul Haidi, of the Hezb-i-Islami Rebel Party, said the two-day election in Kunar

proves elections in rebel-held areas is possible, and Hekmatyar's party will lobby for elections throughout Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, the Peshawar-based alliance is making plans to elect a grand council that will, from exile, elaim anth-

ority throughout Afghanistan.
The United States has pushed the rebels, wracked by internecine fighting during the

past year, to come up with a broad-based administration. The six main rebel groups responded with plans for a lova irga, or grand council, of about 3,000 people to select members of a government-in-exile.

The existing rebel government-in-exile.

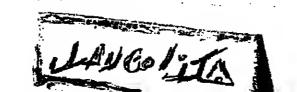
in Pakistan has been harshly criticised for its narrow composition. "If the United States tries to have a

government through the loya jurge then there will be two governments - one inside Alghanistan representing the muja-hedeen and one living in big rented bouses in Peshawar," Haidi said.

Afghan mujahedeen must unify their.

ranks if they want to have a say in peace settlement on the Afghanistan problem, at leading Pakistani paper said. It will be only after forging unity in their

ranks that the Afghan mujahedeen could-seck to negotiate a peace settlement.



# Divorce for 'men only' lawyer sells sexism; law unfair

SAN FRANCISCO, (UPI): For Dong Page, sex-

Fage, 63, a divorce lawyer in the posh Bay Area suburb of Walnut Creek, openly appeals to men who feel sicilmised by their wives and angry at the

The divorce court, in my view, is a place where the money a man earns is taken and given to a

woman, Page says,
From the San Francisco yellow pages to Joan
Rivers guest chair, Page has cheerfully advertised
his practice as "Divorce for Men Only" and himself
as "man's best friend in divorce court."

Page is quick to mention the bitterness left by his own three divorces and to attack the motives and character of the suburban housewife who demands support from a former husband

One of his press releases trumpets: "Page abhors the gold-digging, country-club tennis-playing, bridge-luncheon wife who wants life to stay the same after a matrimonial break," and "there is a negative side to women, their bitchy, greedy, savage side that wants to quit working. I specialise in representing men who are dealing with gold dig-gers. We force them to go to werk."

But Page claims he's not actually sexist — it's just that charges of sexism are "good for business."

"Insofar as being called a sexist reinforces my

iogo, I like it," Page says. He says he has attracted many clients by taking "inflammatory." positions on talk shows. He uses the airwayes le tell "horror steries," like one ahout a doctor who owes two wives \$6,000 per month in alimony cut of a \$7,000 menthly income

the typical client he sees: a well-paid man with a

The whole divorce law is based on the assumptien that a man er a woman works equally hard to amass a fortune," Page says.

If a woman without a paid job actually backs up

her husband, he says, "then she is contributing." But, he adds, "there are a lo1 ... who are ill, who are alcoholics er cocaine sniffers. He also says the emotional toll of the break up of

a marriage is also greater for men than for women. "I think men tend to suffer alone and in silence," Page says, "and as a consequence they're emotionally immobilised." He says women can recover faster because they have more friends and confide Divorce fer Men Only in 1982 and now has two partners. Each partner handles about 35 cases at a time, be said. According to a client, Page's services cost \$175 per hour.

The firm's style of advertising may be unique in the United States, according to several atterneys who also say it borders on discrimination. It stays within the law only by offering more quietly to

represent women as well.

C. Rick Chamberlin, head of the nerthern California chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, says a sizeable number of men in divorce court think "the system is rolling

Do many men in divorce cases want a lawyer who verges on sexism?

'Yes," says Chamberlin. One Page booster is elient Doug Pendleton, an East Bay police officer who has joined Page on the talk show circuit after three years in litigation with his former wife.

Pendleton's side of the story is that his former wife has harassed him with lawsuits on charges she cannot prove, including a claim that be sexually abused his one-year-old daughter. He said he has been cleared of that charge, but fighting it left him angry at a court system that seemed to presume he

I'm an abused person," he said. "The law's supposed to protect me equally and it doesn't."
But Page's rhetoric is criticised by Gloria Allred,
founding partner of a Los Angeles firm that has argued many women's rightist cases.

She says Page might as well advertise a preference for clients whn are white.

"I dnn'i think gender or race or religion should be used to increase profits," said Allred, who has

appeared en talk shows with Page. "He's riding the crest of a shallow response from men: 'we have our rights too'."

Page said he is actually "on the side of independence" for women. But 10 him, that means women should support themselves with jobs after divorce, demanding less of their former husbands. Such a view doesn't qualify Page as a feminist to

Helen Grieco, executive director ef San Francisco's National Organisation for Women. She says Page fails to take into account the value

of a woman's public and private support for a man in a marriage, even if she has no paying job.

# Isadora Duncan dances again..

NEW YORK. (UPI): Legendary dancer Isadora Duncan was one of those rare creatures whose personality and private life were probably more dramatic than

It would be pretty hard to top losing two young children to drowning, having a suicidal Russian poet as a husband who kills himself after their separation, and in the most dramatic event of all — dying herself by having her neck snapped

as the wore one of her signature scarves.

Even as a scenario for a ballet, no one would believe the plot, which owes more to Greek tragedy than to Swan Lake.

That is adora is the stuff of which theatre could be made, there is no question. That Martin Sherman's pseudo-comic treatment of her story, When She Danced, currently being staged by Playwright's Horizons, achieves that poten-

Casting husky-voiced, sensual Elizabeth Ashley as Isadora is inspired because she shares the fading beauty and exaggerated theatrical presence of the

At various points she describes herself as "fat," "old," "a tired vamp," and "a silly old dancing dervish," all of which seem appropriate in the context of Sherman's play.

The story takes place in Paris in 1923, four years before Duncan's bizarre

death and chronicles the events of a single day in her downward skid toward She is broke. She is married to a violent, possibly psychotic young Russian. She is desperately trying to get back to Russia.

Duncan is refused a visa to leave fer Russia because of her communist leanings, so she is bent on entertaining a man she believes to be the Italian consul in the hope of persuading him to let her open a school in Italy.

To afford this entertainment, which includes lobster and champagne, she sells

her furniture. The dinner party has to take place around a makeshift table. None of the six guests is speaking each other's language.

To recount that the scene also involves a possible lianging and a food fight gives some idea of the chaos which playwright Sherman substitutes for drama.

Adding to the general confusion is the fact that no once can account for

Duncan's alleged greatness. They describe her walking across a stage, turning and walking back. They allude to her affect on audiences who are driven to tears and to naming their

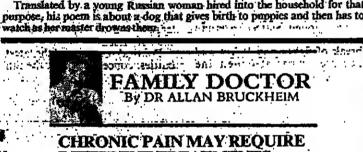
first-born children after her. When someone tries to describe what in her performance was so moving, the answer is — there is no explanation.

Perhaps her crazed Russian husband, Sergei, accounts fer it best by taunting her with the idea that her art will die with her while his poetry could live forever.

indication of his immortality.

Translated by a young Russian woman hired into the household for that purpose, his poem is about a dog that gives birth to puppies and then has to

It certainly won't, if the one example of his poetry given us is meant to be an



QUESTION: What are the hopes for a person who has suffered chronic pain for so many years now that just looking at another pill is more than I can bear? Even my previous physician is running out of combinaions of medications to take and is willing to listen to any combinations.

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In fact, he suggested that I write to you. Will you please help? Answer: Althought each person handles pain in a different manner, it's clear from your letter that you and your physician have fought the good fight, and it's now time to consider possibilities other than just medications. And there is an impressive array of techniques for you to consider, all with records of some

success in some people. Depending upon the nature and cause of your pains, you might con-sider transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), trigger point injections, acupuncture and nerve blocks to mention but a few TENS is known to be quite useful for shortterm relief of acute pain, but can be helpful in cases of tension neuralgia and people with multiple peripheral nerve injuries. It is an electrical stimulation that diminishes pain signals and requires an experienced technician to help you, for there is a bit of trial and error in determining frequency of the current and placement of electrodes for best

When there are well-localised points of pain or "trigger points," destroying the spot of degenerated muscle tissue that's causing the pain with a hypodermic needle can bring relief. Several insertions of the needle may be necessary, and the use of lidocaine may reduce the pain caused

by the procedure. Acupuncture may offer temporary relief; possibly by increasing the level of endorphins (naturally occurring

DIFFERENT TREATMENTS pain-killing chemicals) in the blood. In addition, behaviour modification techniques, physical therapy, relaxa-tion training, biofeedback and family and vocational counselling all provide other avenues of therapy to deal with the trials of chronic pain.

There are now more than 450 chronic pain treatment clinics in this country, many of which use a multidisciplinary approach and individuals trained in the areas mentioned above. It may be time now for yon and your physician to scarch out one of the specialised care centres of your area to obtain a new approach

for your pain problem.
ACROSS MY DESK: Although most textbooks state and most auth-orities advise that the patient with chronic heart failure should restrict physical activity, an article in a recent edition of The Lancet, a British medical journal provides a new look at this traditional advice. Dr Andrew J. S. Coats and others from the

Department of Cardiovascular Medicine at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, evaluated the results when 11 patients with chronic heart failure were provided exercise bicy-cles to use in a supervised home Using a one-minute, warm-up

period, followed by 20 minutes of exercise, concluding with another one-minute, cool-down session, the patients completed five days of workout each week for eight weeks. They physical status was compared with their abilities during a similar eightweek period of rest, or restricted activity. Evaluation of the results revealed that the patients had improved fitness, increased tolerance to exercise and diminished symptoms. Although this is not to be undertaken without a doctor's supervision, the experiment may well indicate new strategies for patients with chronic heart failure.



John McEnroe: is not a typical understanding Pig



Princess Dir born under the sign of the Ox



Writer Neil Somarville says everyone inherits some of the personality of the sign they were born under. He lists the best and worst qualities in his new book "Your Chinese Horoscope for 1990"...



Hitler was an 'uncompromising



Pope John Paul: humourous

# Jun, July, Auguste' smart winter collection

ter fashion shows don't begin until mid-March but a new Japanese designer named Jun Inoue jumped the gun last week

Adoreable trapeze mini-coats, well-cut buttoned Jodhpur pants, beautiful fabrics and excellent cuts would be good news in wany collection for next winter.

Jun July, Auguste," is just the latest Japanese designer trying to make it in

ago, Hanae Mori turned into a "French" continuere about 20 years ago, Issey Miyake has shown in Paris for years, and Rei Kawakubo stunned her audiences with clothes shot full of holes for "comme

Opting for a quiet show in the stonewalled cellar of his small boutique near the Louvre that will open officially next summer, Jun was modest but hopeful for a big

37-year-old designer. "I've lived here 15

"I thought he did a wonderful joh," said Jean-Paul Gaultier, for whom Jun worked eight years. The way-ont wonder boy of French fashion, Gaultier said he liked the details like a shirred mini-dress in soft fabrics worn over a silky turtleneck under-

Inoue's small collection was smart and young in every way. He led off with wellcut hlack cuffed shorts worn with a highwaisted long jacket nipped in by a drawstr-ing with a high waistline, the outfit topped with a jaunty sailor's beret.

The high waistline, often bucked at the side, was a kind of signature for Jun's leggy look that was always paired with matching or contrasting opaque tights — exclusive productions for Jun - and little flat suede

While the gamine mini look was young. there was a lot for women of all ages who want a hit of originality in their closets. The softly belted trench coats, the ehecked pants suits with narrow Jodhpur-style trousers buttonend up from the ankle could be worn by almost anyone.

Details can make or break a collection, and Jun found some excellent touches. His mother-of-pearl buttons with a dangling pearl to doll up dark hlazers and coats are not seen anywhere else.

camisole slip-like mini number with a heavy evelit embroidered decor on the top and hem, worn with a slinky tee-shirt top and contrasting tights. The same eyelit detail on collars pepped up shortie coasts with their flared skirts.

ter, the colour combinations autumnal and artistic. Besides navy and black, there were touches of dusty rose or hlue, ochre, khaki and aubergine or burgundy, often worked together in appealing combina-

One of the real originals in the collection was a hrown velveteen dress shirred

# Rats, dogs and pigs in the Year of the Horse

1990, could be a good

PRINCE CHARLES is a rat, Sylvester Stallone is a dog and John McEnroe is a pig. even though he doesn't always act like

And unlikely as it seems, Princess Diana has a lot in common with fanatical Nazi leader Adolf Hilter! That's all Chinese astrology. Di and Adolf were born in the Chinese year of the Ox and Oxen have a tough and uncompromising nature. They are also loners who do not like change or travelling.

Writer Neil Somerville says everyone inherits some of the personality of the sign they are born under. Neil, author of several hooks on Chinese astrology, said: "People born in a specifie year tend to inherit the personality of the animal governing that year. For instance, those born in 1989 were born under the sign of the Snake. And Snakes are wise and highly intelligent. Chinese horoscopes are based

on the lunar year which starts late in January or in early Fehruary. There are 12 signs in the Chinese zodiac and 1990 — the year of the Horse-started on January 27. The last Horse year was in 1978.

In his new book Your Chinese Horoscope For 1990 (Aquarian Press, £2.50), Neil Somerville offers everyone the chance to find out what the year holds in store for them.

He outlines the main qualities and weaknesses of each sign and examines how compatible different signs are with each other. He claims Chinese horoscopes provide a good guide to relation-ships. He told me: "I'm a typical Snake and my wife Ros is a Mon-key. If I had been interested in Chinese Astrology when we met, I would probably have tried to work out if our signs were com-

"But Chinese horoscopes are really only a guide. Two Snakes, for instance, do not get on very well together because they tend to be rather possessive and jealous. But if I had met a Snake, I would know how to treat another Snake and I would be warned."

Neil, 35, became interested in Chinese astrology several years ago after reading a magazine article. He said: "I looked up my own sign, the Snake, and I thought I resembled the characteristics of my sign so closely that there must be something in it.

"Snakes are very interested in the mysterious, which I am. And they are generally quieter than the other signs. So generally speaking, I think! am a typical Snake. "I became so intrigued by the

subject that I did more and more research and in the end I started to write the books." No-one knows exactly how

long Chinese astrology has been in existence but Neil believes it has been for many thousands of

time, according to the Chinese - and they should know. Human nature, it seems, can be directly traced to the year of your birth. That's why Princess Di has so much in common with Hitler! Claire Lockhart reports

years. There are numerous legends which explain how the signs got their names. In the most famous legend, the Buddha decided to hold a Chinese New Year party. He invited all the animals of the kingdom. But only 12 of the animals came. And as a present, the Buddha gave each of the animals a year.

Neil, who lives in Reading, Berkshire, with wife Ros and son Richar, believes Chinese horoscopes are relevant to the 20th century. He said: "The other day I was talking to a teacher who said one year the children she taught were particularly boisterous and noisy.

"But the following year the same age-group tended to be more quiet and reserved. And I found out that most of the children in the boisterous class were born in 1976 under the sign of the Dragon. Those in the quieter class were born in 1977 under the sign of the Snake."

Neil admits some of the characteristics of the signs are a little general. But the 12 signs of the Chinese zodiac also have five elements and these have a strengthening or moderating influence

During the nine months Neil spent studying, researching and writing the book, he occasionally found a celebrity who was completely characteristic of his or her

"The Pope was born in 1920 under the sign of the Monkey," he said. "And Monkeys are meant to be extremely good linguists. In fact, the Pope speaks many languages. He has also many wide interests and a good sense of humour. They are all attributes that people born under the sign of the Moneky are meant to have.

"Politician Michael Heseltine is also a perfect example of his sign. He was born in 1933 under the sign of the Rooster. I think be is a typical Rooster. He is a meticulous planner, which all Roosters are meant to be. And they also have a tendency to write

"I was reading an article by a college friend of Michael Heseltine and he had noticed that Heseltine wrote lists of all the things be hoped to accomplish

throughout his life — a typical Rooster!" In his studies Neil also found

many of the Royal family were Rats - Prince Andrew (born in 1960), Prince Charles (born in 1948) and the Queen Mother (born in 1900). Neil explained: "Those horn

under the sign of the Rat are outgoing and work well in public relations. They are charming and popular, as the Royals prove." Among those born under the sign of the Goat were Michelan-gelo and Andy Warhol (born in 1931). So it is not surprising that

Goats are imaginative, creative and artistic,

**Traits** Famous people who share the

characteristics of the Tiger included Marilyn Monroe (born in 1926) and Beethoven. Among famous Dogs, are Sylvester Stallone (born in 1946) and the saintly Mother Teresa.

Personality traits of the Dog include loyalty and anxiety.

Rahbits are meant to be virtuous and prudent. Pop star
George Michael (born 1963) and comedian John Cleese (born

in 1939) were both born under the sign of the Rabbit. One celebrity with no

similarity to the characteristics of his sign is tennis star John McEnroe, says Neil.

"McEnroe was born in 1959 and so he is a Pig. Pigs are kind and understanding by nature and they hate any sort of discord or unpleasantness. And the Pig is well-known for his abilities as a very popular and rarely harbour grudges and are never vindictive.

"MeEnroe, in my opinion, is not a typical Pig!" In his new book, Neil describes the 12 different signs and makes world predictions for 1990, the

year of the Horse. He said: "Chinese horoscopes deal more in generalisations and trends then Western astrology does. Western astrology is more

specifie — perhaps too specifie.

"In my writing on Chinese horoscopes, I try to be constructive and helpful. So even though a sign might have a bad year ahead, it need not be all bad. "A lot of constructive things

can be accomplished in 1990. Even those signs who do not have a particularly good horoscope for 1990 need not write the year off if they concentrate on the positive things."

"Financially, the start of Horse year tends to be a very optimistic and prosperous time. In fact, in 1954—a Horse year the gold standard was reintroduced into Britain after quite a few years. And that represented an upturn in the economy." So the Chinese Year of the

Horse promises to be enjoyable and prosperous...wbether you are a creative Goat, a charming

# Berlin's Potsdamer Platz to recapture former glory

EAST BERLIN, (Reuter): Berlin's Potsdamer Platz, once the teeming hub of the old German capital, is to recapture some of its former glory as East and West Germany move closer to a single state. East Germany plans to transform the area, a was-teland cut in two by the Berlin Wall — the cold war

symbol breached last year. Surveyors began work last week to widen the road there from four lanes to six. The official news agency

ADN said the road expansion should be finished in six weeks. Covered walkways and special bus and taxi lanes will follow. Potsdamer Platz lost its glory in the ruins of the defeated Nazi Reich after World War II. It became part

of the border of the soviet-occupied sector of the city. When the Berlin Wall was built through it in 1961, the square degenerated into a sorry, rubbish -strewn open

Since the borders epened last November, Petsdamer Platz has been ene of the busiest border crossings. Many Berliners envisage the square becoming the centre of city life that it was in the 1920s and 1930s. West German car-maker Daimler Benz has declared an interest in part of the square on the Western side and

architects and city planners have dreamed up designs involving everything from restaurants to a nature West Berlin's ruling Social Democrats, wary about the cost of reuniting with East Berlin, are demanding their city's standard of living should not fall in any merger

with poorer suburbs. The party, which governs the rich western sectors along with a small environmentalist party, said West Berlin had to help the nast battle against goods shortages and a collapsing municipal administration.

But Ditmar Staffelt, leader of the party faction in city hall, said the expected unification of Germany's former and probable future capital should not cost West Berlin its current high level of social and economic progress. West Germans have become increasingly concerned

about unity as it becomes clearer they will somehew have to foot a large bill to bail our East Germany's failed communist system.

Berlin, divided for 28 years along a wall now being sold off in chunks to eager souvenir hunters, is still split by a money barrier shielding the western enclave from East Berlin and the surrounding villages of the old

Brandenburg state. West Berlin workers effectively earn about six to seven time as much as East Berliners. The city, subsidised for decades by Bonn to keep it alive during the cold war, has far better social services than the crumbling East can

Since the borders opened, Berliners out to make a quick mark by bridging the gap between the two economies have developed a lively smugglers' market.

A united Berlin, a city of more than three million

people, should be capital of Brandenburg state to ensure it has a taxpaying hinterland, Staffelt said.

Even so, he said in a reference to the poorer suburbs and farming villages that would start making demands on their rich neighbour, "West Berlin would be in a

minority. East and West Berlin forged ahead with more of the practical steps that have brought the two sides together dramatically since last November 9.

# PARIS (AP): The big ready-to-wear win-

with a low-key collection of co-ordinates.

Kenzo came into his own over 18 years det garcons" more than a decade ago.

future in Paris and all over the world. "Paris is the place to be," said the slight, years, and get my inspiration here."

The fahrics were soft hut warm for win-

around the scoop necline and at the waist, worn with a silky high-neccked algae green shirt underneath.

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Thought for today

TO BE conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge — Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman

# Carnage unabated

# Surviving in Beirut

Daher exhorted his nervous family as exploding artillery shells rocked his apartment in Christian East Beirut.

his wife, Angele, wearily picked up the fork that kept slipping from her trembling fingers and rattling against her plate with each shell blast.

"May God enlighten them. May God enlighten them," she murmured, picking at a lunch of lentils and rice, fried cauliflower and eggplant and cabbage salad.

The Dahers shared the lunch one day recently with a couple of neighbours, spread around a table in one of their apartment's bedrooms, which has been turned into a makeshift shelter. Their five story apartment building, like many built before the civil

war began in Apr 1975, has no basement sbelter.

Every one fliched as shells fired by fellow Christians exploded around their building.

**Future** "We have to keep going despite the grim future that awaits us."

Daher said. "We should never give up."

The family used to climh down to share the shelter of a neighbouring building, but that has come to be increasingly dangerous.

Besides, Mrs Daher has a weak heart and her husband suffers from

asthma. So the children fortified the bedroom with stone blocks, The stone protects them from hlast and shrapnel, but would not save them from direct hit.

Still, it's better than nothing.

When the shelling is heavy, the Dahers and some neighbours crowd into the 10-foot-by-10 foot (3-metre-by-3-metre) room and sleep on the floor. They have taken the beds out to make room for everyone.

Beside a flickering candle, a small statue of the Virgin Mary stands atop the TV set. The television is of no other use: there is no electricity.

"Life has come down to just filling our bellies. What kind of life is this? What kind of future will my children have?" lamented the tall,

balding Daher, 64, a retired customs officer.
The apartment huilding is in the Ashrafiyeh district, which lies on the Green Line dividing Beirut into Christian and Muslim sectors.

The district has been continuously battered since 1975. It was the scene of heavy fighting in the first two years of the conflict between Christians and Muslims.

### Besieged

The Syrians besieged it for 100 days in 1978, pounding it with arillery fire. Since then, Muslim gunners and snipers routinely have fired into the buildings, more exposed than most because Ashrafiyeh sits atop the

highest hill in Beirut.

More than 150,000 people are estimated to have been killed in the civil war, twice as many wounded, and another I million, one fourth of the prewar population, displaced.

In the current bloodletting, rebel Christian Gen. Michel Aoun's troops are battling the Lebanese Forces militia, commanded by onetime medical student Samir Geagea, for control of the 310-square-mile Christian enclave north of Beirut.

More than 700 people have been killed and more than 2,000 wo in the confrontation so far.,

Ashrafiyeh is one of Geagea's two remaining strongholds in East Beirut, which makes it a target for Aoun's artillery and tanks. Aoun holds the districts to the east. The Green Line hems Ashrafiyeh

in to the southeast while the Mediterranean lies to the north. The Dahers live with four of their children, sons Nazih, 32, a civil

defence worker; Nadim, 28, and administrator with the labour ministry; Elie, 25, who works in a boutique; and daughter Nada, 21, a computer science student.

Their eldest son, Najib, was killed four months after the civil war started, when he was 19. A married daughter, Maha, 30, lives in the mountain resort of Bikfaya, which has escaped most of the fighting. Nazih has been missing since the latest fighting began Jan 30. He was visiting friends in the port of Jounieh, north of Beirut, when Aoun moved against Geagea.

Aoun's troops hold the area between Jounieh and Ashrafiveh. All the telephone lines have been cut, so no one knows if he's alive or dead. "We just don't know anything about Nazih," his distraught mother whispered, "We sent him a message over the radio that we're all fine. 1

hope he heard it." Nearly one-fourth of Ashrafiyeh's estimated 150,000 inhahitants have fled to safer areas. But the Dahers have nowhere to go, no relatives living in safer zones.

As if Mrs Daher, 54, didn't have enough troubles, Elie is bed-ridden "The doctors in our area have all left. We couldn't find vitamins for

him. I hope his condition doesn't deteriorate," she said as she squeezed a few shrivelled oranges she found in a nearby shop to make juice for The Daher's car was hit hy a mortar round the second day of the

fighting. Their kitchen took a direct hit two weeks later, but no one was "We shouldn't be sad about material losses. They can be replaced.

But human lives .... " Mrs Daher said. Her gaze wandered to a framed photo of her dead son on the wall of the shahby living room.

# **TODAY IN HISTORY**

- France's King Henry IV occupies sedan to end rebellion of duke of Bouillon.

1632 — Sweden's King Gustavus II resumes his palatinate

campaign. 1797 - British troops under Lord Lake quell rebellion in

1848 — Constitution of Piedmont and Sardinia is proclaimed

by Charles Albert, King of Sardinia.

1857 — Peace of Paris ends Anglo-Persian war, and Shah recognises independence of Afghanistan.

1917 — German Army begins major withdrawal on western froot in World War I.

1945 - Soviet troops reach Baltic Sea in drive across Germany's province of Pomerania. 1952 - China accuses United States of using germ warfare in

1965 — Syria orders nationalisation of nine oil companies, including affiliates of two US concerns.

1970 - French submarine with 57 aboard is lost to Mediterranean Sea off the Riviera.

1972 - Soviety Union signs agreement with Libya to jointly

develop and refine Libyan oil, a pact seen as a pressure tactic against Western oil companies. 1973 — Eight Black September men eod their occupation of Saudi Arabian embassy in Khartoum, the Sudan, after slaying

three foreign diplomats. 1977 — Earthquake devastates Bucharest and other towns in Romaoia, and death toll eventually reaches more than 1,000.

1988 — Sikh separatists slaughter dozens of Hindus at religious festival in Kari Sari, India.

1989 — Convoys of emergency food and fuel supplies from Soviet Union reach Afghan capital of Kabul

Learning to be Yankees in camps

# War children on way to US

MORONG Philippines, (Reuter): America's war children are on their way to the United States. But

first they have to learn how to be American.

"It will take two, or probably three more years to find all the Amerasians in Vietnam, bring them here and then to the United States," said Don Ronk, a

and then to the United States, "said Don Ronk, a social worker with the International Catholic Migration Commission in the Philippines.

The children are taught at a transit camp here how to "survive" life in the United States, Ronk said. Subjects include taking public transport, following street directions, beiling a cab and ordering food in street directions, hailing a cah and ordering food in

places like McDonald's.

Many face daunting problems after years of discrimination and deprivation in Vietnam.

The youngest of the children of American servicemen who fought in Indochina are now 15years-olds and have spent most of their lives in Vietnam or Cambodia. Many have an inadequate

grasp of Eoglish. Despite their mixed ancestry, the children were brought up as Asians and the United States may be as alien to them as to any of the 27,000 Vietnamese hoat people staying in the Philippines who also want

to be resettled there. Officials dealing with Vietnamese boat people plan to turn the Philippines into the main regional centre which will process all Amerasians left in

"There are 2,000 Amerasians here. We expect them to keep coming even up to next year and the number may reach into the thousands," said Herman Laurel, head of the Philippine Refugee Process-

ing Centre (PRPC). The Amerasian children and their families are not yet in the majority in the Battan camp, but their number is rising." he said in an interview.

The Philippines government runs the refugee centre in Morong Town, in Bataan province 80 km (50 miles) north of Manila.

Some of the Amerasian children may go to a new centre to be huilt in nearby Tarlac province that will house about 12,000 to 14,000 refugees, many of them now held in camps in Hong Kong.

The Bataan refugee centre has 16,900 boat people waiting resettlement in third countries, mainly the United States.

Ronk, who teaches children between 11 and 16 at the camp, said the biggest handicap for Amerasians is that they are "two years behind in schooling and they have to relearn some things from zero. Teaching some of the 16-year-old kids can be very dif-



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# vercomes Sandii

MANAGUA, (Reuter): Nicaragua's leftist Sandin-ista Party sees its defeat at the polls last Sunday as a victory for the United States.

After years of portraying themselves as Central American Davids successfully defying the North American Goliath, the Sandinistas say the United States wore them flown with a combination of economic, ministry and diplomatic pressure.

"Basically, what happened here is that US policy

wou," said a talk show host on Sandinista television as the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) began to examine the reasons for its electoral disaster. Few would disagree.

**Elections** 

In Nicaragua's first genuinely open elections, conservative newspaper publisher Violeta Chamorro polled 55.2 per cent against President Daniel Ortega's 40.8.

The result stunned the Sandinistas as well as virtually all public opinion poll institutes.

Dozens of Sandinista supporters went on the air in government radio phone-in programmes to say Chamorro and her National Opposition Union (UNO) had used \$4 million in campaign funds provided by the United States to buy votes.

At higher levels of the FSLN, analysts admitted the party had misjudged the average Nicaraguan's capacity or inclination for personal sacrifice, year after year, in the name of ideology and anti-

They voted with their bellies," said the Sandinistas' Washington lawyer, Paul Reichler. "And I think they thought of the empty bellies of their children, too. Everybody has their limit and in the end, they just couldn't take it any more."

Sociologist Oscar Vargas spoke of a sumishment wote" against the Sandmistas for having tailed to halt Nicaragua's slide to the bottom of the economic heap in the Western Hemisphere.

Diplomats say the Sandmistas' downfall also demonstrated that, sufficiently aroused, the United States will go to great lengths to crusb its enemies.

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In Nicaragua's case, Washington used means that

ranged from supporting an insurgent army and economic strangulation to sabotage and clandestine

Scandal

In the Iran-arms affair, the worst foreign policy scandal of the Reagan administration, profits from secret US arms sales to Iran were diverted to finance anti-Sandinista rebels after Congress had expressly forbidden such aid.

On top of a trade embargo imposed in 1985, the US pressured international banks not to lend money to the Sandinistas.

The conflict between the United States and Nicaragua dates back to 1979, when the Sandinistas led a hroad-based revolution which toppled US-

backed dictator Anastasio Somoza.

The young guerrillas who took over the goverument declared Nicaragua the first Yankee-free territory on the American mainland. The Sandinista example, Interior Minister Tomas Borge said, would be followed throughout Latin America Cheering left-wing insurgents in El Salvands, the Sandinistas supplied weapons and let them set up.

Retaliated

Washington retaliated by setting up an anti-Sandinista army officered hy former members of Somoza's hated National Guard.

The insurgent army mushroomed from a few dozen in 1980 to more than 12,000 by 1984. The rated on econo farming co-operatives to agricultural machinery.

In parallel operations run by Central Intelligence Agency, saboteurs mined Nicaragua's harbours and blew up the country's biggest fuel storage depots.

But through most of the 1980s, many diplomats in-Central America felt US pressure served to rally Nicaraguas around their leaders, who played on nationalists sensitivities by saying the United States was planning to invade.

To bolster Nicaragua's military strength, the San-

dinistas introduced compulsory two-year military service in 1984, which may have contributed to their

# Letters to the editor

# Marriage to jinnis

SIR: A recent article, datelined Feh 24, (UPI). appeared in this paper, concerning "jinnis" and certain Egyptian "scholars" gave opinions about issues relating to these jinnis as they are called.

First, I am curious as to why the Arab Times, relies

oo the Islamic information, or maybe I should say "propaganda," from a wire service such as UPI, which propaganda, from a wire service such as OFI, which certainly doesn't worry about the truth of such things, and most likely (as anyone can obviously see from reading the article) is making such reports only in order to make Islam and Muslims look superstinous and ignorant.

ignorant.

This article starts out to the first paragraph by stating that a certaio Egyptiao "scholar of Islam" (their definition) advised people about marriage between burnans and jinnis. The article stated that a jinn "which in Muslim legend is believed ......"

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Right off the bat I would like to state that islam has never included "legend" in any way, shape, or form, Islam consists only of facts as revealed by God, Himself io two different modes, firstly in the Holy Quran, which is God's exact words. The Holy Quran contains truth ooly, consisting of accounts of the various prophets, scieoofic facts (most of which have only recently been discovered, 1400 years later), laws oo how to live in obedience to God, advice, and a great deal of wiedow eff.

Secondly we have the prophetic teachings, which to be accurately insured is a science in and of itself, and contains much of the same types of information as is found in the Holy Qurao, but in more detail and with more references to the actual practice of Quranic injunctions. The prophetic traditions, also called "hadith" or "sunna" are also divinely inspired by God, but are the prophet's words. So, whatever appears in the Holy Quran and authentic hadiths are deficitely nor "legend," but is fact, as revealed from the one true God. Aoything that doesn't appear there may or may oot be fact, thus, we can also state that anything that contradicts the Holy Quran and the sunna is absolutely

In order to refute the contents of this article I would have to write a volume, so, instead, I will point out that there wasn't a single statement in the entire article that was based on any accurate source, and even the statements attributed to the Islamic scholar Iho Taymiyah was never from him, for the sake of truth, we shall discard all the information contained therein. Now, for the sake of fairness, we will now try to see what Islam really has to say about jinnis.

What Islam really has to say about Jinnis.

Creation

Yes, there are such things as jinois. They are one creation, just like humans are one and angels are another. As humans were created from a clay-like substance, angels were created from pure light, and so the jionis were created out of "smokeless fire." We also have the substance and the pure light and the substance are the substance. know other information about them, such as: that they

are cormally invisible to humans, if they appear they can take many forms (human, animal or otherwise). They move very quickly, they are collaborated with by black magicians and witches, etc. in order to carry out their magic (though, of course they cannot supercede the will of God). They bye oo earth as we do, in similar communities, they are born and die, as we are, they have been given a free-will, like humans, and so can be of good and bad types, and are of various religious denominations and more, but one important thing to remember is that bumans and jinnis have been forbidden by God to have contact with each other in any way, so, obviously, the subject dealt with in the article is

The article that appeared was called "Marrying a jinni, you're oot prohibited," and in its entirety is totally uobased, and is obviously being used as a tool of propaganda against Islam and Muslim io general.

Muslims and oon-Muslims alike should be well warned about such "Islamic" articles, because as I

stated before, they are very rarely based on facts, and when there are facts stated, they are usually so twisted around that they lack any possible semblance of reality. This same thing happened in another recently published article, which also quotes an Egyptian "scholar" in regards to beating one's wife, etc. for refusal to cohabitate with one's husband, etc.

This was a clear example of how the non-Muslim wire service reporter took some Islamic informatioo

wire service reporter took some Islamic informatioo and twisted it to make fuo of it.

Invariably, nowadays, Muslims are made to look like ignorant, superstitious, barbarous — whereas, in reality, knowledgeable Muslims are some of the most well informed, wise, and scientifically educated people in the world, and this is so because knowledgeable Muslims have all their formations. Muslims base all their facts and arguments oo what God has revealed to them, thus there is oo need for heresay and theorising about many things. In fact, ooo-Muslims, and ooo-Islamically educated Muslims would do well to lnok to Islam for many of the obvious and logical explanations of mysterious and unexplain-able things that have been eluding them for centuries

> Mia Ponzo. Kuwait.

# Konkani play

SIR: This letter is in response to a criticism on a Konkani drama staged oo 16.2.90. This letter appeared in Arab Times on Feb 22.

M. Agusto Fernandes, said that he did not like the

drama and the director a man from band. First of all this director has crossed double century for his drama like Sucorrina, etc. and how can such a man be criticised by putting his name to the newspapers. Why can't Agusto, try to become a famous director and keep his name oo the top? Criticising others is a very bad habit of we Goans.

He also criticised the popular actor M. Boyer, by saying he has lost his former charm. No Goan will say that M. Boyer has lost his charm. No Goan has ever criticised him here in Kuwait. So I request Agusto, not to criticise any of our Goan directors and actors because they came here to entertain us and hence our criricism must be constructive and encourage them to

perform well in the future.

He showered praises on Miss Felcy because of her sexy song Ek-do-tin and her sexy cute look. That's natural and every male files to enjoy if such hot oumbers come on the stage, is it not Augusto Fernan-

Jezito Colaco, Az Zour.

# Wrong advice

SIR: A news item appeared in your paper recently that Muslim leaders of India appealed to Muslims not to vote for Coogress (f) and to vote for Janata Dal in the coming elections for state assemblies. Fundamentally, these leaders make a big mistake by supporting one

party.

After all, Indiao Muslims are also citizens of India like other peoples of different faiths. So, naturally, Muslims can also join different political parties which advocate for the welfare of all sections of society. Whenever elections are field, Muslims also can vote according to their wish and judgement, which party is good or had.

good or bad.

But if the so-called Muslim leaders who pose as if
they are the leaders of Muslims, support one, particular party and Muslim masses follow suit, this will
cot be a healthy step for their welfare. The boycottel oot be a healthy step for their welfare. The boycorted party, if it comes to power, will neglect them directly or indirectly since the party members are also human beings. So, such leaders should refrain from supporting one particular party. Instead, they can express their unanimous opinion regarding general Muslim issues. Such appeal should be to all political parties, otherwise, poor Muslims will be scapegoats later on but these leaders will get their benefit at all times.

If these Muslim leaders want to save Muslim masses sincerely, they can form service associations, having dedicated faith . to upilit the social, educational and ecocomical conditions of all Muslims. This is the correct way to serve the society.

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# Clamour for democracy

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast. (AP): West African leaders whose nations have been hit by recent demonstrations for democracy have responded in different ways, from tear gas to tears

The region's beleaguered leaders have confronted waves of protests, strikes and public dissatisfaction in the Ivory Coast, Benin, Gabon, Gambia and Niger

In Benin, Mathien Kerekou, the auth-oritarian Marxist brigadier general who seized control of the country in 1972, sobbed openly before a national conference Tuesday when delegates demanded he resign.

Coup

He accused them of "attempting a cryllian coup," and said he preferred to be ousfed rather than betray the people's trust by resigning.

Kerekou was forced to call the conference after violent protests in which several people were killed at the end of last year Rioters stoned a statue of Lenin and burned pictures of Kerekou, who in December renounced the Marxist-Leninist policies that have bankrup

Kerekou had to back down on Wednesday and agree to the appointment of a prime mini-ster. Delegates chose Nicephore Sogio, a for-mer World Bank official favoured by Western creditors, to form a transitional government. that will rule until free elections next January.

In the nearby Ivory Coast, a pillar of stability and civilian government in a region dominated by power-hungry military men, conservative President Felix Houphouet-Boigny ordered soldiers and riot police to suppress protests last week by rebellious students calling for multiparty democracy.

Teargas, stun grenades and trunclicons were let loose in Abidian on demonstrators usually armed only with signs.

But Houphouet-Boigny, who has governed since the country's 1960 independence from France, responded positively to more moderate demands for cuts in cabinet ministers, salaries and the cost of board and lodging at the state university. The Ivorian leader has rejected previous demands for a multiparty state. France, apparently intention saleguaring its

interests in former colonies, agrees with his approach. Paris recently advised Guinea to model political reforms on the Ivory Coast rather than a multiparty democracy. "There are some multiparty states that have no democracy and some one-party states that

practice democracy... like Ivory Coast," former French prime minister Jacques Chirac said in Abidian this week. Pro-democracy demonstrations in nearby Senegal claimed the life of an opposition party officer who died in a scuffle on Wednesday.

More Fall secretary otheral of the Democratic Party in this cast of Dakar, reportedly was hit. several times in a scuttle. Omar Bongo of Galion, another beleaguered West African leader, says the immediate cause of strikes and protests in the region is falling

purchasing power provoked by the austerity programme of the International Monetary

Threatened Bongo's 22-year-old civilian rule is threatened by strikes and protests that have closed Libreville's airport, electricity cuts that caused the deaths of five patients in the capital's hospital Wednesday, and rampaging students who forced schools to close.

with political reforms announced Friday. including the replacement of the discredited Democratic Party with a Social Democratic rally which Bongo said is open to all political.

This week's strikes are over dissatisfaction

The change falls short of promises Bongo made after an October coup attempt to consider transforming Gabon into a multiparty democracy.

Austerity measures forced by the International Monetary Fund and World Bank in return for loans have caused hardships that protesters say have become unbearable. Ivorian authorities this week proposed cuts

of between 15 per cent and 40 per cent in the

salaries of government employees who have suffered an eight-year wage freeze, in addition to a new 10 per cent income tax. For a messenger earning the minimum wage of \$125, that means earning 25 per cent less in a country where a bag of rice to feed a family for a month costs \$30 and rent for two rooms more

than \$40.

Worse Other countries fare worse. The minimum monthly salary in Ghana, Nigeria or Sierra Leone is not enough to buy a bag of rice.

The International Monetary Fund and

World Bank are easy targets for attack. Gambian reporter Baboucar M. Gaye coined a new term. "Our country has been IMF d," he wrote. But a World Bank official who requested

anonymity said economic problems are com-pounded by the convertible Central African franc of 11 West African states, underwritten by the French Treasury and set at an inflated rate that encourages huge import and customs duties and discourages foreign investors. Bata Shoe Company, which operates throughout Africa, closed its factory in Ivory

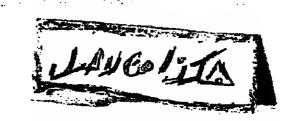
Coast because smugglers could import shoes more cheaply than the company could import its raw materials. The World Bank official also pointed to the corruption and lavish official lifestyles that

have drained state coffers and provoked impoverished West Africans into revolt.
Some leaders blame unidentified outside sources for their troubles. Niger's Gen. Ali Saibou, Wednesday

accused "a small group of malcontents ... plot-

ting to destabilise and throw (Niger) into chaos" of engineering violent student protests in which troops have killed at least three demonstrators. Saibon promised democracy when he led a 1987 coup, but recently declared the military would not surrender power and announced plans for a constitution allowing only one

political party.



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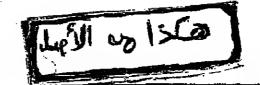
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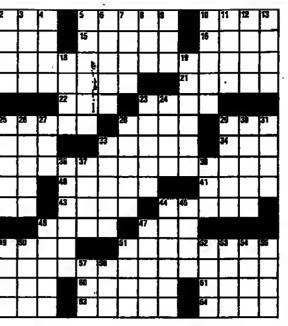
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The bidding: West North East South 1 NT Pass 4 NT Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: ?

There are few bridge players who won't empathize with the title of Matthew Granovetter's new bridge Lake N.Y. 12019.) But if everyone fenders took the first five heart carried through on the title, bridge tricks. would have vanished years ago.

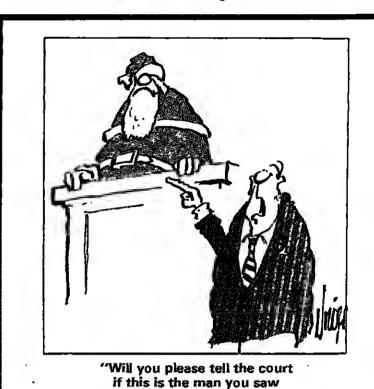
North-South vulnerable. South Table. It is written with more humor and the murder mystery is more entertaining. And, again, there is a considerable amount of sage bridge advice. Our caveat, once again, is that we are not sure how well the two mix.

This hand featured in the book is from a Swiss Team event. Cover all the hands except for West, then decide what you would choose for your opening lead and why.

At one table West led a low diamond. Declarer played low from dummy, took the king and then ran five clubs, followed by four spades. On the last spade West had to hold two diamonds and was forced to bare down to the ace of hearts. Dummy came down to Q 4 of hearts and ace of diamonds, and declarer simply exited with a heart to set up a 12th trick.

At the other table, West led the king of hearts. Since the North-South bidding showed about 30 mystery, I Shot My Bridge Partner. HCP and West held 10, East was (Paperhack, 365 pp., \$12.95 plus \$2 marked with virtually nothing. shipping from Granovetter Books, Therefore, West hoped to hit a long 18 Village View Bluff, Ballston suit and was well rewarded. The de-

The book is spiced with charac-This is a better book than Grano- ters, real and imaginary, you will vetter's first, Murder at the Bridge recognize. Worth a look.



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## **YOUR STARS**



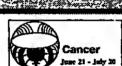
You will be glad you have oot quite forgotten a skill you hardly ever use nowadays. If you pretend to know what you do oot, you will be found out and it will be bad for you. Avoid being untidy. Be moderate.



You will tend to be rather forget-ful and should out rely too much on your memory. You should make sure you do oot create complica-oons for yourself. Do not allow your emotions to get out of hand. Be tactful.



Not everything is as it seems to be and you should allow a bit of room for doubt. Your lucky oumbers are 18 and 24. There is no point in trying to make excuses, admit it if you have done something wrong. Make sure you get enough excercise, oothing too energetic.



Avoid being annoyed with your-self for getting something wrong. Instead just try not to make the same mistake again. Do not do anything to diminish the harmony with your partner. Be helpful.



If you try to rush things you will end up having to do some of them again. Try to set your children a good example also where money is concerned. Think twice or more before making a decision but do not sit on the fence. Be moderate. not sit oo the fence. Be moderate.



You should not rely on your own mechanical knowledge unless you have learnt to be expert in that field. Avoid getting into an argument or cut it short if you do. If you place too much reliance on guesswork you will be in trouble. Be patient.



There is a risk that you may be playing with fire: do your best oot to. Make sure yoo do not take any risks with your health. However do not think that every single thing is bad for you. Be considerate.



You will have some doubts but later on you will be able to over-come them. Do not insist on having your own way in all things. And avoid trying to do too many things all at once. Be sensible.



There will be a temptation to spend far more than you can afford. Nor should you rely too much oo credit. Take your mind off work for the day. Be more abstin-



You will be able to make good progress with a personal project. There is not time to all you would like to do so make sure you get your priorities right. You should listen more attentively to what others are saying. Be conciliatory.



A decision you made earlier will prove to have been right. However you should not be too keen to say "I told you so": you could easily have been wrong. Make sure yoo do oot do anything your partner would not approve. Be fair.



You should be on the look out for mistakes, both yours and those made by others. Make sure you stick to limits of safety. Do not rely on others to get out of your way and do not get into theirs. Be less volu-



"Will you please say good night." Our quests are leaving."



"Mom, I'm going to bed now. Wake me up Christmas morning."

### 3 Picop men killed in ambush

THREE forest rangers of the Paper Industries Corporation of the Philippines (Picop) were killed and five were injured when they were recently ambushed by unidentified heavily armed men inside the company concession at Bayugan, Rosario, Agusan del Sur, the paper

Dead on the spot were Elias Labo, Roy Hadman and Eulogio Tubigon. The men were on their way to confirm a report of a straffing incident in the Picop detachment station when attacked last Dec 15,

Top company officials believed that the attackers, numbering about 50, were New People's Army (NPA) men who took advantage of the pullout of Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) personnel from the area to Davao City in response to threat of a coup attempt in

Picop president Evaristo M. Narvaez Jr described the incidents as "an unfortunate tragedy" in the area which had been recently struck by an earthquake measuring 7 on the Richter scale.

Injured were Rosenico Galon, Wilfredo Briz and Rodrigo Adrana due to land mine explosions and the firefight that ensued. Two members of a reinforcement team were hurt, Victoriano Tan and Archiebald Aninon.

A MAN who had been sentenced to life imprisonment for rape has been ordered released by the Supreme Court.

In acquitting Ricardo Hizon of the rape charge filed against him by a deaf-mute, the High Tribunal said: "If, indeed, Hizon raped the girl, he nevertheless must be absolved because his guilt had not been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt."

On Jan 25, 1976, a girl alleged that Hizon raped her in one of the booths of a carnival in Caloocan City. However, the girl did not report the alleged rape immediately nor did she inform her mother about it, records showed

She only opened up after almost three months when her miscarriage was discovered, records showed.

The girl later admitted she was afraid of Hizon but could not explain why. She said Hizon did not threaten her to prevent her from reporting the alleged rape to the police officer or to her parents. Associate Justice Isagani Cruz said an accused is presumed innocent

until the contrary is proved. 'There was no medical proof of the rape itself, not was it shown that the complainant had been forced or threatened to submit to her alleged

And in defending Hizon's failure to deny the charge against him when he was investigated by the police, Cruz said the judge erred in construing silence as evidence of guilt.

"The accused appellant had the right to remain silent during his custodial investigation if he preferred to make his denials at another time. And such silence should not have been taken against him," Cruz

Recruitment agency banned: Labour Sec. Ruben Torres banned for life a recruitment agency which had failed anew to deploy workers abroad after collecting fees from them.

Torres said Servex Manpower Services demanded P5,000 from Danilo Navarro, P3,000 from Mario Catapang and P10,000 from Victoriano Poquita Jr, in exchange for jobs abroad,

Although the usual penalty for the offense is a four-month suspension or P40,000 fine. Torres said Servex had been penalised several times before with suspensions totalling 18 months.

Torres ordered Travellers Insurance and Surety Corp., Sevex' surety company, to reimburse to the complainants the amount collected from

Torres also dismissed for lack of merit an appeal of RSI Employment Service for the lifting of the suspension of their license. RSI had allegedly collected a placement fee from Dominador Pradia but failed to obtain overseas employment for him.

Wage commission formed: President Corazon Aquino assured labour leaders that she will form the National Wage Productivity Commission (NWPC) by the end of the month.

In return, the labour leaders led by the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP) presented recommendations to the President for

improving the life of workers. wage and other labour laws and the extension of price control on basic

The labour leaders also recommended condonation of income taxes for 1989 and 1990 for households with an aggregate monthly income below P6,700, increases in personal tax exemptions, a moratorium in increases of real estate taxes and an intensified housing and apartment

programme for low-income households. Also at Malacanang, Agriculture Sec. Senen Bacani recommended to the President the importation of P 200,000 metric tons of rice for distribution to rice-deficit areas.

Press Secretary Tomas Gomez III told newsmen the imported rice will arrive between May and mid-August.

Diploma mill raided: The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) raided a store selling fake school diplomas and birth certificates.

The NBI raiders led by anti-graft section chief Conrado Benzon swooped down on the RJG Gen. Merchandisel at the corner of Lepanto

St and Recto Ave., Sampaloc, Manila. They seized bundles of fake Torres High School and Polytechnic University of the Philippines diplomas, transcript of records and Commission on Elections (Comelec) voters' identification cards.

One of the arested, Jocy Provido, 23, told the NBI that the store has been selling high school diplomas for P1000 each and college diplomas

Provide also admitted that they sold fake transcripts of records, birth certificates and Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) test

The NBI found out that RJG Gen. Merchandise is owned by

Principal suspended for molesting boys: Education Secretary Isifor Carino has suspended Valenzuela High School principal Joel San Luis after the Parents-Teachers Association accused him of sexually molesting at least 1 i male students.

In a letter-complaint to Carino, the PTA said San Luis has been molesting male students since he assumed office in June 1989. The students, who requested anonymity, told newsmen that during an overnight stay at the school campus last Nov 8 and 9, San Luis even

ordered them to take off their shirts before he started touching them.

Carino designated assistant principal Saturnina Bulan as officer in charge of the school. Carino also asked DECS legal adviser Amado Dizon to form an investigating panel.

French perfumes seized: At least 1.000 bottles of French perfume worth some P10 million were seized by Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) customs officials for being declared as

NAIA customs collector Zapiro Respicion told newsmen the perfumes arrived on Jan 4 and were consigned to one Haroka of the Tower Building, Salcedo Village, Makari, Also at the NAIA, customs intelligence head Rodolfo Buendina

denounced 7 Marines manhandling him in the arrival area while he was on surveillance.

Buendia said he introduce himself as head of customs intelligence.

"Pero hinawakan and mga kamay ko at pinilipit."
"HIndi ko malaman kung ano ang ibig palabasin ng mga Marines na iyon" Buendia added.

About 100 Marines who had been relieved from the airport by then Manila police chief Maj. Gen. Alfredo Lim, when he was appointed as President Aquino's personal representative, have been reinstated by NAIA general manager Eduardo Carrascoso.

Jail inmate caught selling dope: An immate was caught in the act of selling marijuana cigarettes to detainees inside the Manila City jail recently.

Romulo Mardo, 27, a Batang City Jail gangman detained for murder, of 1357 Juan Nolasco St, Tondo, Mamia yielded 21 marijuana cigarettes wrapped in torn pages of the Bidle to jail warden Perry

Inmates told Lieul Rogelio Soriano Mardo has been selling marijuana cigarettes to them for the past several weeks for PS each. Mardo pointed to his live-in partner as his marijuana supplier. "Nakabalot sa panyo at inilalagay niya sa loob ng kanyang panty kaya hindi siya nakuhuli ng mga guardia."

Mardo has been detained since 1983.

# Remember Chuchay ... and Maureen and Lino and Josie and

### By Behn Cervantes

MOST of my memories revolve around my college days. Memories of friends and acquaintances when they were

I recall the U.P. of the late '50s, when the campus was green and Diliman seemed so far away. There was no traffic. Highway 54 was dangerous at night. However, there was no pollution. Only a handful of university students had cars. The rest of us took advantage of the trees and the grass and took leisurely walks around the campus. Ate haluhalo at Little Quiapo.

Dance musie was sweet. Glenn Miller was fast. Lyrics were understood. Progressive jazz was in. Girls dressed up to the nines daily. Guys used Yardley pomade and beautiful coeds did turn the heads of young men as

the soap ad claimed.
The Philippine Collegian had two society columns that documented who was seen where and with whom the previous weekend. Girls who smoked were considered modern. One of the columnists was campus figure Rita K. Ledesma (Gonzales). Her mother, Purita, was the moving spirit behind the Art Association of the Philippines. Rita had a popular singer in Maryknoll named Connie, who now resides in Utrecht with her husband Louie Jalandoni.

No doubt the most outstanding university coed was gorgeous and hrainy Josie Trinidad (Lichauco) who was muse of practically every prestigious organisation. Corps sponsor, too. Twice vet.

Another stand-out was ballet dancer Maureen Tiongo, who not long after, went to Broadway as a chorus girl in Flower Drum Song, before taking over the lead

We freshmen had to be satisfied with an occasional glimpse of these campus belles because they were often in the company of "old" Upsilonians or College of Law students.

The prestigious U.P. Dramatic Clnb under the guidance of Freddie Guerrero attracted many an ambitious would-be thespian. Many tried out but few were chosen. Those with clear American (La Salle) or British (ateneo) accents had the

An 88-lh. student from Neuva Ecija tried out. He brought the house down when he dramatically read the audition piece and declared, "Murder, Muder, look at dat gel wearing a

batting shoot." He ended up working back-stage despite the fact that he thought he resembled Montgomery Clift. Years later, he became Linn Brocka.

Another applicant attracted attention everywhere he went in U.P. because he wore clothes that astounded the staid students of the time. Not only did he constantly crach green jokes, he wore orange shirts with violet pants. He wore paisley when no one else knew the meaning of the word. He wore collariess tops and lace. Satin and brocade. Secthrough T-shirts. Sandals!! He was way ahead of his time. Fashion-wise. After acting, he turned to painting. Then, to poetry. Soon, he combined the two. After that, he authored a novel. Then, there was a gossip column. (he got incarcerated for that.) Then came Astrology Science of the Mind. Now, he is into religion. His own. His Name? George Sison.

Joonee Gamboa was shy, gangly and overly tense. Sometimes, sounded constipated, but his (British) accent was perfect. Impeccable. After all, he spent hours with his good-looking brother Arthur listening to tapes of Olivier, Guilgud and Redgrave. Vivacious Mary, their morena sister, had the flair and the talent. Only Joonee perserved. However, to this day when we talk about the truly talented, Mary's name comes up. The truly good-looking, Arthur.

The most stunning new coed of my time was so ravishingly gorgeous, she would literally stop traffic. She was an American mestiza from Schenectady who came to study here and reacquaint herself withher kin from Quezon, Her hair was chestnut brown. Short and near. She often wore green, which accentuated her hazel eyes and the red hipstick that was in vogue then made her luscious lips all the more inviting. She was chosen muse of this, that and whatever organisation had the nerve to approach her, or, had a connection to her cousin, Bibsy Carballo.

... Before long, she was modell-

ing for the best Manila designers and hosting the first musical show on television. She went back to the States, married Broadway composer-lyricist Bob Merrill, best known as the creator of How Much Is That Doggie In The Window? She inspired him to write the evocative lyrics of People. Dee Marquez remains one of the legendary beauties of the '50s alongside

Cynthia Sun, Desnna Jean Lopez and Chuchay Tuazon. Chuchay was a stunning lookalike for the young Joan Collins, so the U.P. guys would sit up when she walked by in shorts on her way to a game of gold. Her tan and her way of walking indicated a nonchalant acceptance of her wondrous looks. She knew she was sexy, too. We all thought we had a Miss Universe finalist in her when she won the local title, but for some reason she never tried her luck in the international contest.

She is also known for having been the first one to have been kissed on the lips on the U.P. stage. It was accidental, but busser Donnie Montelibano was smiling from ear to ear after that

fortunate slip. A friend nicknamed a coed who wore her long hair in a pigtail Minehaha. Economics was her major. She was a scholar and quite a livewire. She didn't smoke then. She does now. Like a chimney! Her name? Winnie

Collas Monsod. Her suitor, Christian, was also inspired to write lyrics because of her. In The Hastening Evening Hue from Interior 14, an original Upsilon musical, is still sung by aging Upsilonians during rounions. Ardent interpreter of the song which I introduced to the world is Maning Rivera, who readily renders the number upon the prodding of mature Sigma Deltans like his wife Juliet Lazo.

Also in Interior 14 were Vic and Nanette Puyat. Working backstage were hulks like Tony Rosales and Rene Dragon. While they remain friends, they

are politically poles apart. When we did Shaw's Mrs Warren's Profession, the cast, which included Jun Roy, Pinky Rigor (Farolan), George, Joonee and myself, had a very diligent prompter. He was interested in the European languages and, later on, he went to France on a

Upon his return, he taught French in U.P. Then, he opened Grey November, which became one of the "in" cases of the late '60s. Later, he went to India to study Film. His first movie, Pag-dating so Dula, proclaimed his promise. Now, he is the Ishmael

U.P. Student Catholic Action also went into dramatic productions, like Medea where I was cast as Creon. An up-and-coming young film actor from Ateneo was playing Jason. The eager director insisted I play the role in a manner I found odious, so I walked out. The actor continued to become a success. He was Robert Hagan, aka. Robert Arevalo.

gas Rosales, whose father was naval attache in Washington

D.C. and died a commodore. Jose Ma. Sison.

known as Bette Midler.

When I returned to teach, I.

Bernai.

Two U.P. High girls also got interested in acting. One was in the chorus of Occupies Res. the other appeared in Tidings Brought To Mary. Both were into English literature then Much later on, the social conditions got them involved in matters political. The former, Bobbie Malay, is now in Camp Bonifacio with husband Satur Ocampo. The latter is Etta Par-

Playing the shepherd finally coerced into revealing the secret of Oedipus was an Ateneo student from the north who sported a thick British accent. We secretly laughed at his attempt, although it wasn't as funny as the veddy, veddy amusing version put on by Jose David Lapus. The llokano gave up acting and went into serious political writing and organising. The writer? The organiser? The would-be actor?

After college, I went to the States. In the University of Hawaii, the theatre aficionados were all agog over the natural talent of a bosomy Jewish girl who sang with verve and acted as though her life depended upon it. After she changed her style of singing, which was similar to superstar Barbra Streisand's, she became the Queen of the Baths in New York. After that gay but cleansing experience, she evolved into the phenomenon now

was truly impressed with the dedication, precision and drive of a good-looking Masscom :

student. She was in complete control of herrole as Argia in The Queen and The Rebels. That she became successful on television was no surprise. That she would also become a brave challenger of Gringo Honasan was. Herwork ethics dominate Radio-TV Malacanang. Two For The Road. MS Ellaneous and Tell The Peoplemanifest her care and concern for perfection. Swept by her cothusiasm is formerly les lady of Guys and Dolls Ida Furne, who married her leading man, Andy Vargas, Lollie Mara of Zamboanga, television, movies and the world is the barttone who answers the phone at RTVM. If lucky, MVM a.k.a. Maria Var-

gas Montelibano will have time to recall the past. During high school, I used to pick up my younger sister Nena from Union high was has since changed from Philippine Chris-tian College to Philippine Chris-tian University. I would spend minutes on end observing an awesomely luscious mestiza-Gee, she was beautiful!! Notlong after, she was chosen as Miss Number One. Later, she became Amalia Fuenter.

When the U.P. Rep produced Ricaredo Demerillo a Palanca award-winningolay The Heart of Empriness Is Black, I cast two young actors opposite Winnie (her voice is also baritone). For tunately, Menggie Cobarrubias is a basso. On the other hand, Cris Michelena, the other actor, was then a soprano. Now, he does the macho San Mignel Beer commercials. A couple are con-troversial, Menggie won the best Supporting Actor award from the Urian for Jaguar.

Rene Requiestas appeared as a chabacano in Paglipas ng Dilim He was so talented, his timing so good, his voice so peculiarly. common. He was a stand-out. Tony Mabesa and I got him a scholarship courtesy of Ishmael Bernal, but higher education was not Rene's enp of tea. He preferred Starzon I, Mand III. Bibeth Orteza was bosomy. Is

bosomy. Was forny. Is funny. Was bright. Is bright. Was ambitious. Is ambitious. Was single. Is married. There are many more people

many more memories, But I had

better stop before I reveal deep

secrets of the past. Well, maybe

next time ....?





Jooney Gamboa-

# The 90's trendsetter

# Sonny Laragan

YEARS before, he was simply Sonny Laragan, news editor and radio newscaster.

As of last year, he's whimsical. lighthearted, unpredictable, openminded, unfettered, spur of the moment, funny, off the cuff, Sunday morning easy, at one with nature, free wheeling, easy to get along with, relaxed, smooth sailin's Sonny.

You have to he pretty, smart and witty to he a radio announcer, and Sonny Laragan is rapidly cornering the market via his "Late Night Radio Show" on DWIZ (882 khz AM). As host of this unconventional radio program, which airs from 9 pm until midnight or weeknights, Sonny gets to advise listeners who phone in, interview interesting personalities, give out prizes through contests and just be the amusing person that he is. Things such as these have made the program so popular that Sonny has become an overnight campus celebrity with coeds comprising most of "Late Night Radio Show" listeners.

Due to Sonny being a creative individual who has always liked to do concepts that have never been tested on Philippine radio, he came up with the programme on DWIZ. The show's concept sounded weird when he first proposed it hut as Sonny puts it,

"You start with something weird and eventually catches people's attention." Which he did and still

The greatest idea he has come up with is being called "One of the world's sexiest and most romantie radio announcers." This can be heard almost every thirty minutes in Sonny's program. The logic behind this is that the listeners — who are mos-tly females — have to get interested in him and his show somehow. The title was supposed to be an attention-getter. And it worked. No doubt about it.

When asked to describe "Late Night Radio Show," Sonny clears his throat before letting 'er

"It's a modern talk show," he starts. "When you speak of talk shows, you speak of Inday Badiday, Tiya Dely or Kuya Cesar. You see, there's a market. Why do advertisers say this is for teens? Why do we have Close-Up, Cinderella or other stuff strictly yonth-oriented? Well, advertisers say that the youth is the biggest share of the market, especially students. And they're right. So, I though of a program which could also attract the A and Bcrowd down to C, Dand E. This is AM radio we're talking about here. In FM, you're pasosyal — 'I'm looking for caller number five. Call us up



right now and guess the title of the song.' I analysed the fact that the only time a listener and a DJ get to talk is during a contest. You know, 'Congratulations. You just won for yourself a gift pack from this and that.' After that it's all music. On AM radio. it's like 'Tawagan nation ang mobile five mula sa labas, mobile five, come in' and so on. We also have religious programmes, soaps or drama on AM."

Eventually, Sonny's extremely creative mind which never stops coming up with new and weird ideas conjured a modern talk show that would only cater to AM listeners. At first, our sexy and romantic announcer admits he wanted his show to be on FM Radio. But he has a good reason why he stuck to AM. .

"When you say FM, it's synonymous to music," explains Sonny. "So, I ended up in AM with 'Late Night Radio Show' that really caters to people who are left unconsidered. There's a lot of pasosyal in us. And I guess one of the reasons listeners love the show is the way I'm always lively and buhbly like 'Okay, twenty mintues after four, if you'd like to call us up.' It's hvely. That how my presentation is. New listeners would go, "Hey, okay ito, a. FM sound on AM."

One concept of Sonny's show is that practically anybody could call in and be on the air, conversing with Sonny. "On AM, it's usually, 'Isang napakagandang bilang ang naihatid namin sa inyo; ang tamang oras ay ...' It's too Tagalog or Pilipino. My show is the only one on AM that's like 'Hi! Who's this? Hi, Rick. What can I do for you? The guy on the phone would go Well, I just broke up with my girlfriend' or something like that. In 'Late Night Radio Show,' the listeners and I could talk about anything under the sun. It's a talk show with a sort of a magazine format."

Sonny is also a one-man army m the sense that he's the marketing man, producer, director, writer and the talent behind the show. "I'm like a business enterpreneur right now. When I was analysing about coming up with a naighttime show, I studied surveys. I noticed that DWLL DZMB, DWFM, etcetera are strong in the mornings until around 6 pm. From that hour on it's NU107, DWLS or DWIM rating in the surveys. I noticed a pattern. In turn, 'Late Night Radio Show' was born."



# Isay home

ISAY Alvarez of "Miss Saigon" and "Magsimula Ka" fame, arrived February 9 fresh from London. She is home for a vacation and was invited to sing in Ballet Philippines "Rama, Hari". which is Programme III of the three-part "Alice Reyes Festival

of Dance."
Isay will be essaying the role of Sita, wife of Rama She will be performing together with, Bimbo Cerrudo, Ayen Muni, Miguel Vera, Reuben Laurente, Bodgie Pascua, Joseph Gelito and Celeste Bueno. "Rama, Hari" is the story of

Rama and Sita and their encounter with the demon god, Rayana and his equally evil sister Soorpanakha. Infused with Alice Reyes' invigorating choreogra-phy, Ryan Cayahyab's music and Bienvenido Lumbera's libretto, "Rama, Hari" is still as fresh and timely as the first time it

was shown.
Made in cooperation with San Miguel Corp. Holiday Inn and Sarsi, "Rama, Hari" will have performances on February 2 to 25 with matines and evening shows at the CCP Main Theater. A1985 Aliw Awardee as the "Most Promising Entertainer of the Year," Isay has had extensive training and exposure in singing and theater. She has done hosting stints for television and has

recorded a song in 1987 entitled "Where Love Has Gope." Before she went with the "Miss Saigon" cast to London, Isay had established a name for herself via the musical "Magainula Ka" which premiered in 1983 at the Cultural Center of the Philip-

COULD it be a decade since a sulfry young singer finally burst into consciousness in a big way with her sturing rendition of Don't Cry. consciousness in a big way with her stirring rendition of Don't Cry for Me. Argentina? By then, she had already acquired a fanatic following at the Alibi Bath of the Century Park Sheraton, where nightly she captured andiences with her phenomenal singing, backed up by a band called Music and Magic. Touching on her early days at the Alibi Bar, Kuh argued, "Young stars today want to be big right away. They cut a tecord, launch it in a concert, — tapos gan on na. I think it's better to develop a market for your performances. Yung nakapuwesto ia sa isang lugar, para alam ng tao kung saan ka hahanapin. The audiences get to discover your talent first hand, and word-of-mouth about it spreads.

"It's very healthy for a performer to experience having steady concerts more

often. Your talent is really honed and you get to learn from your audience, you develop in relation to them. There is no substitute for it." With her own experience in mind, Kuh organised the Music Museum two years ago. The Greenhills restaurant and music theater is intended to provide a venue for young artists to launch themselves, with the choolingment of low rental and superior technical facilities. The concept is to present hands looking like they're in a special show. It's different from the usual nightclub routine where a band plays 2 or 3 sets a night, each set just a string of numbers. At the Muse im each special show is conceptualised, scripted and directed. Kuli-cncourages fellow artists and producers to create special shows with themes that don't instruct the contract of the

don't just play for one or two evenings, but for long runs, so you can really enjoy a show and come back to it again and again. Kuh also mentions that producers stand a better chance of making a profit on ticket sales with Music Museum's

stand a better chance of making a profit on ticket sales with Music Museum's 700-seats capacity.

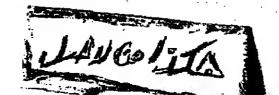
It only seems like yesterday, because Kuh Ledesma Nowadays is considered as one of the pillars in the Philippine antertainment industry's most exciting most avidly worshipped talcois. And on this, she still looks forward to the main body of career that promises to be long, prolific and constantly full of surprises? Fresh from the success of her long-running "Kuh At The Movies" with Fedelos Reyes, Eva Caparas and Jet Montelibano at the Music Museum, she has come up with a new and exciting Valentine special concert, entitled "Lambutsingan sa ULTRA" with the APO HIKING SOCIETY.

After three years of pursuing and successfully marking their own careers apart from each other, the only tandem of four individuals remined once more in what was probably the most exciting Valentine show this year in "Lambutsingan sa ULTRA" starring Ms Kuh Ledesma and the wacky trio — APO Hiking Society. Just like in their previous shows together, the audience was treated to a lot of laughter, novelty acis, romances and good music. To differentiate it from their previous shows, they did not do an all out straight OPM repertoire. The group rendered some old time favorites to act the Valentine mood right. The audience saw a naughtier KUH in this show which has a sub-title of "Fog Matyurd Awdiyences Only." Aside from duets of their hit songs, various production numbers were in store for everyone.

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The two playdates of the show offered a choice for their followers to either celebrate the Valentine with them on the l4th or do a post-Valentine celebratiod and have a Saturday night out at the ULTRA last February 17. Chorcographed by Douglas Nieras, scripted by Floy Quintos and Rey Cristobal as musical director. The show was for the benefit of the "Pasig Youth and Sports Development Foundation."





# Uncovering Rita Avila Extra de la contra del contra de la contra del la contra del la contra del la contra de la contra del la contra de la contra de la contra del la

SHE slipped unobstrusively into the dimiy-lit coffee shop, glowing with that characteristic million-dollar smile. Rita Avila one of the reigning sex godesses in local cinema, descended from the silver screen and reverted to mortality. The celebrated sensuality was intact flawless skin, a very alluring mole on the left cheek, dark brown hair framing a delicate face.... Only one illusion was shattered. For someone who appeared larger than life on screen, she was surprisingly petite. Barely an inch over five feet, one would wonder how so much electrifying passion can be packed into such a diminutive

. There was none of the vanities associated with sexy stars, either. Clad in jeans and a collared shirt, she was almost devoid of makeup - looking very fresh and squeaky clean at 10:00 in the morning. Over a tall, cool glass of green mango juice, she proceeded to bare herself. Rita Avila - the woman behind the sizzling facade.

Born Anna Maria Errea, Rita never had any showhiz inclinations during her youngter years. She led the normal life of an average girl and did her parents proud by capping her studies with a Hotel and Restaurant Management diploma from UST. Her first taste of the limelight came as a commercial moderl and cover girl. "The photographer of a woman's magazine spotted me and invited me to grace the cover of the teenoriented publication. After that, got discovered for print and TV ads. I never thought I'd be an actress. All I wanted was to find a iob and earn a lot of money, But when I started doing commercials. I felt bitin, because the exposure was so short. Then later, whenever I'd watch movies of Vilma Santos and Dina Bonnevic. I would imagine myself in their position. I wanted to be like them..." Hoping to get a break into the husiness, Rita enrolled at the Actors Workshop Foundation. That year, 1986, she was signed up by Robie Tan (producer of Seiko Films) as the first female "Seiko Jewel"

As soon as she was given a screen name, life was never the same for the girl who first dreamt. of being a teacher, an artist of a hotel PR manager. Embajking

I expected it. In zet, I was the only one in our family

who wasn't surprised when my cousin Emil was jailed. Everyone thought Emil was such a good boy,

the kind who never gets into trouble or is disrespect-

ful to his elders or ever does anything you could

frown at. But of course I knew the real Emil. Emilio

Cabarte, that's his full name. He had another iden-

tity no one else knew. The secret Emil that wasn't

apparent in his thin, almost scrawny body and his

cherubic face made more trustworthy by his big eyeglasses. His seeming acceptance of dutiful

employment as an accountant further covered up

what he really was: a vicious criminal with an evil

mind which plotted crimes against the society -

crimes which would have numed his mother's hair

I knew Emil because he always confided in me.

The trust was terribly gratifying to my ego, because mil, at twenty six, was several years older than me

and his evil mind was absolutely superior. When we

met over softdrinks and bread at our neighborhood

bakery, and Emil would tell me his intricate criminal

schemes, I was open-mouthed with awe and respect

and a delicious kind of terror at simply knowing

such a highly dangerous man. The only trouble with

the relationship was that Emil sometimes involved

me in his capers, and I didn't have the kind of iron

fortitude be possessed. In other words, I was a

At the time Emil was thrown in jail, I was just

completing a temporary term of employment at a

rattan furniture company. It was my third joh since leaving high school, and my boss, Mr de Castro, had

decided I didn't have the qualities he looked for in an

employee. He had a sore throat on that Monday he

lold me that bad news, and I was feeling sore too. I

didn't feel any better when I came home and learned

It took me a while to get the story from my

mother. But finally, I pieced it all together through

the bits she sold me. It happened that Emil borrowed

sis uncle's car, a 1970 model Corona, in order to take his girifriend to Bulacan and I figured he got

lost, because he steered the car down a one-way

street. Unfortunately, he ran into a police car, and

the cops were pretty nastly, specially when they

found out that Emil had forgotten his driver's

icense. I don't know what exactly happened, but I

guess Emil gave the cops a hard time. As a result they

sent Nina home but took Emil to the precinct where

be was detained. On Monday, which was the next

day, his father, a nice old man who taught music,

The whole thing didn't sound so bad to me after I

heard the story, but the way my mother carried on

you'd have thought they were shaving Emil's head

for electrocution. She was on the phone with Emil's

mother all evening, wailing and crying like the world

was coming to an end. She spent the whole night in

went to the police precinet and got Emil out.

white, except that it was already white.

coward and I still am.

that Emil had been arrested.

on a totally different career, Rita Avila had chosen to cross the line that marked the boundaries from being a private person into

becoming a public figure.
The price of fame

For anyone who decides to oin the showbiz bandwagon, the first thing to disappear is anon-ymity. Especially for someone who was primarily packaged as a teen idol before moving on into becoming a sex symbol. Rita has practically forgotten how it is to be plain Jana Doe. Shopping, her favourite leisure activity, is usually confined to Greenhills (where the crowd is quite used to celebrities) or right after a store opens in Makati or Quezon City. Otherwise, she would have to endure being ogled at, ber every moment observed and sometimes, criticised. Not that she minds, really. "Actually, I'm not very recognizable because of my height. People expect Rita Avila to he tall and sexy. Sometimes, I even hear onlookers arguing about me. Si Rita ba iyon? Ay, ang liit pala niya! That's the usual comment. But I'm not insecure abot my height, although I used to think I'd still grow taller. When I was in elementary. I was the tallest in class. Then I just got stunted," she recounted with an amused grin.

"I enjoy being famous," she continued. "I don't feel that fame is an intrusion into my life because I can balance things. I'm the type who couldn't care less what people say when I go out as a private person. When I'm not on-camera, I don't think of myself as Rita Avila, the actress. Actually, these days, I've grown quite tired of socialising. I prefer to stay at home and sleep. But of course, there are obligations I have to face as part of my profession.... When the pressures of work get on my nerves. I make a quiet escape and rest. I love going out-of-town, especially spots where there are beaches.

ning looks, it's still difficult to reconcile the candid, articulate and laid-back young woman before us with Rita Avila, ST (sex trip) Queen. The monicker is a newly-coined one, intended to describe the present batch of alluring stars who elicit oohs and ahhs from their audience due to their magnetic screen presence. What differentiates them from

the bold stars of yore is that ST

Despite the undeniably stun-

Queens do not look like sluts. They do not have to romp around in their birthday suits or do anything that borders on the pornographic. Theirs is a megawatt appeal generated from a breathtaking face and a trim (not necessarily voluptuous) figure. Hence, the word "trip" — much is left to the viewers' imagina-

Nevertheless, it is a daring appelation all the same. How does Rita react to being bruited about as an ST Queen; "It's okay, since people understand I'm just playing a role and that I'm not like that in real life. Besides, I'm particular about the weight of the character I'm playing. I can play sexy roles, hut the character has to be significant. After watching my movie, I want the viewers to remember my acting. Hindi yung, 'si Rita, sumabit sa bintana' ... (referring to a steamy love scene-by-the-window with Jestoni Alarcon in a recent flick). I ask for comments from my family, my friends and some fans. So far, no one ever said, 'Ikaw, ha, ang b-y mo! Nakakadiri ka!' Nobody, not even the critics. They write good things about me and I'm happy that they do."

Rita considers her role as a rape victim in "Babayaran Mo Nang Dugo" as her most challenging one so far. In fact, she gave such a stirring portrayal that talks abound about a possible nomination for the coming Famas. The actress has become quite bankable, completing an average of six movies per year. Rita is very excited about her solo launching flick, "Mana so Ina", currently in production. It's a heavy vehicle with lots of highlights. I think I've shed gallons of tears for this one," she

Fact vs fiction

In her three-year affair with showbusiness, Rita has been through a number of highs and lows. In a world where fame is transitory and where the gossip mills grind viciously without end, Rita herself has proven to be 'hot copy" a couple of times.

She recounts, "My most traumatic experience in showbiz was the time I was rumoured to have been raped by three Chinese businessmen. Just because my family moved to a bigger house, gossips had it that someone was supporting me. That's entirely

would be there hanging around. He was!

mouth was a tant, thin line.

your being jailed. I'm sorry."

beat you up?

the right people.'

learned a lot from them.

plain tough, like a gangster."

happened to anybody."

From the moment I was close enough to see his

face. I knew that Emil had changed. For one thing,

he was paler. I mean pale as in dead. And there was a

kind of suffering look in his face, like a man who'd

been through hell. Behind the hig eyeglasses he wore, the eyes were narrow and old-looking, and as

he chewed on the gum which was his habit, his

lookin at me. "I heard about what happened. About

He turned to look at me real slow. Then be said angrily, "Those bastards, I wish they all go to hell."
"Did they maltreat you? Did they torture you or

"Of course not? They wouldn't dare lay a finger

on me. They thought I was soft. But I fooled them.

the dirty bastards. I could take being jailed without a

sweat. They didn't know who they were dealing with. And if I really want to, I could have escaped."

realise that the night in jail had brought a transfor-

mation in Emil. He always talked tough, but never

with such ferocity. I couldn't quite put my finger on

"I cased that stinky jail pretty good," Emil said: staring straight ahead. "I figured out a foolproof

plan for crashing out, and I would have, if my father

hadn't brought me out. They couldn't hold me for

long, not if I didn't want it. I would've hopped a ship

for the south or some place and they'd never catch

up with me. There were a couple of guys who knew

"What guys?"
"My friends. Guys who knew angles. Believeme, I

I didn't like hearing Emil talk that way. I mean, I

knew he was a real criminal but he was more the

brain guy, not the strongarm type. The way he was

talking now, it wasn't suave or anything; it was just

that. I mean it was only one night. It could've

He laughed, a short, mocking laugh.

really think it would be that easy for me now?

"Emil," I said, "you shouldn't let it upset you like

'You just don't know kid. You're dreaming. You

"What kind of life do you think I'll have? Now

that I've been in jail? The whole neighborhood

knows. I'm an ex-con now. You think they can

it, but I knew that he was hardened.

My eyes went hig as mooncakes, and I began to

"Hello, Emil," I said. He nodded without even



false - I pay my own rent! What hurt me more was that some friends in the husiness believed that rumour. Imagine, they'd come to me and say, 'Don't worry. Whatever happened, we're still behind you.' My God, I wanted to die at that moment. Grabe! Nobody seemed to believe me?" Eventually, the rumour died down, as all false reports do.

Another bone of contention

earlier in her career was her age. While she was being passed-off as a teenager in That's Entertainment, reports leaked that she was already in her twenties. Rita humbly admits this deception. "It's true, I faked my age before because I was packed as a teen star. I resented it then, because I felt out of place. Everybody else in the show was so young and I had to look like them, wearing ribbons in my hair and bobby socks. It got me really depressed for a time. I wanted out, but it would have been unwise. I owe 'That's ..." a lot. The show belped me tremendously in

there was already a controversy brewing about my age. One magazine even puhlished my picture in our college annual to contest my age! They had a point, so I just refused to comment and let my manager handle the issue. Fortunately, I shifted to adult roles and at least, I was able to reveal my real age. And it didn't hurt my career at all - it even added to my maturity. I'm proud to say I'm already twenty-

Within the next five to ten years, Rita envisions herself as an ordinary citizen — hopefully, with a "Mrs" appended to her name. Her flourishing career would just be a topic for reminis-cing by that time. "I've promised myself that once I get married, I'll stop acting — even if I'm at the peak of my career," she remarked determinedly. Rita doesn't even consider marrying a co-actor. If plans don't miscarry, Mr Right just might be her present boyfriend — a non-showbiz gentleman with whom Rita confesses to be "very much popularity and mass appeal. But in love." "My boyfriend is very I just felt too old for it. Besides supportive.

# I op pop singles

HERE'S a list of the latest (well, some of it) singles in town. Take your pick in this payola-free review.

● Another Day in Paradise — Phil Collins (WEA). The first single from his latest album.... But Seriously, features vocals by David Crosby of Crosby, Stills & Nash fame and bass by top sessionist Leiand Sklar (James Taylor, Jackson Browne). Another Day to Paradise is about the hobos of our society - how we scorn and avoid them like the plague.

• Until You Come Back to Me - Basia (OctoArts). Basia's follow-up LP, London Warsaw New York, to her smashing debut boasts of the remake of Aretha Franklin's early 70s classic, Until You Come Back to Me. Ably assisted by Danny White, the eur is embellished with top-of-the-line studio techniques of the 80s for a fresher and bolder sound. This one's a winner indeed.

• You're the One — The Carpenters (Alpba). This was recorded by Karen Carpenter for ber supposed solo project, but A&M deemed it proper to release a complete album of The Carpenters to coincide with their 20th anniversary in showbiz. Karen Carpeoter followers — after her mysterious death — will surely have a grand reunion with their idol with the just released Loveliness featuring this recycled ballad. You're the One.

■ Can't We Start Over Again — Jose Mari Chan (WEA). The third single off the quadruple-platinum LP, Constant Change—definitely last years's biggest seller in both local and foreign releases—Can't We Start Over Again is arranged by Homer Flores and Rev Magtoto. Jose Mari Chan's golden voice (call it platinum), reminiscent of Cliff Richard's, is like a cool, fresh mountain breeze—what we surely oced io these dry months.

● Color Me Lonely - Keno (OctoArts). The intro's first three notes were obviously lifted from Fra Lippo Lippi's Beauty and Madness. The first line of the chorus is very Gary Valenciano (Sana Maulit Muli). I have nothing against Keno. but having two negative factors in one song is just too much. Okay, the song is commercial enough for it to be played on the radio, but doesn't Keno know that originality is the best pobcy?

Pinay sa Japan - Roel Cortez (WEA). Remember the freak hit, Napakasakit Kuya Eddie, about the plight of an overseas (Saudi) worker sweating blood just to provide a decent living for his loved ones? Roel Cortez's follow-up tackles the so-called Filipina "cultural dancers" in Japan this time. Now that even married Pinaysdare to try their luck in Japan, this cut simply remiods them what lies ahead.

Doo'! Make Me Over — Syhil (OctoArts). This is a remixed version of Bacharach and David's 60s june done by dionne Darwick. It seems that recycling is the order of the day (we've already had three for this issue). Don't Make Me Over is currently being played in various FM statioos, so expect it to sell. A once familiar song given a new twist is hard to resist.

● Woman in Chains — Tears For Fears (Dyna). Roland Orzabal and Curt Smith are into jazz these days. Roland Orzabal and Curt Smith are into jazz these days. Listen 10 the hypnotic Woman in Chains, featuring drums by th ever ubiquitous Phil Collins, and you'll agree with me. The song's about male chauvinism. By the way, eheck out the foxy lady in the black and white video clip of this cut.

• If I Ever Fall in Love Again — Kenny Rogers with Anne Murray (WEA).
Country siogers Rogers and Murray deliver a hook-laden ditty destined to become a fave in mellow stations. Wanna bet? On second thought, no more betting. ● Without Your Love — Jo Aone Lorenzana (Octo-Arts). Written by Zsa Zsa Padilla's songwriter Dodjie Simon, Without Your Love is just another "safe" music — catchy ballad — from Octo's factory. "But that's what sells," they'll argue. Let's leave it at that.

# CB enters mart to stop fall of peso

THE Central Bank entered the market in an apparent bid to stop the further depreciation of the peso.

CB sold \$500,000 to Boston Bank, allowing the peso to close the day at P22.05 up from Tuesday's closing rate. While it was the only transaction registered at the foreign exchange

center operated by the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP), market sources said the CB also used its "persuasive powers" on banks to stay off the foreign exchange market.

The peso has lately been suffering a beating to the American greenback partly because of "speculative attacks" on the local currency trigered by the wider-than-anticipated trade gap at end 1989. Preliminary government estimates placed the country's trade deficit last year at more than \$3 billion or substantially higher than the "oft-

quoted \$2.3 billion gap," the sources said. To allay fears on the sustained fall of the peso, top administration officials have made assurances that the government will continue with its policy of maintaining a stable peso.

MANILA: Brig. Gen. Carlos F. Malana, PC-INP Inspector General, has cited the "vital and crucial role of mediamen" and the risk involved in their profession during the recent abortive coup staged by the Reform the Armed Forces Movement

(RAM). "During the firefight between loyal government forces and the rebel soldiers, it was media which kept our countrymen throughout the country and of foreign countries well informed of what was going on and the latest development," Malana said. At the same time, the PC-

INC inspector general noted the risks of print and broadcast mediamen in covering the war between the contending loyalists and the rebel forces.

"Mediamen should, therefore, be commended for their beroic sacrifices in their well meaning intention to provide our countrymen the muchneeded information particularly in times of strifes, like the Dec 1-g coup attempt," he said.

However, despite all the sacrifices and risks, yet there are still those who have the nerve to charge mediamen of unfounded charges like allegedly siding with the rebels when, in truth, "they are only chronicling what is really going on between two fighting forces," Malana said.

Malana expressed his views during a party in honour of news correspondent Leoni M. Manipol who is scheduled to leave for US and Europe on Sunday.

DAET, Camarines Norte: Twenty six more regular members of the New People's Army and Communist Party of the Philippines have surrendered to military authorities here, Lt. Col. Jose Angeles, Camarines Norte PC commander, said yester-

In a report to Brig. Gen. Marino Filart, Recom V commander, Angeles said the rebels were accompanied by their respective barrangay chairman and family members when they surrendered to the 246th PC company led by Capt. Rogelio Samadan.

Col. Angeles identified the surrenderees as Antonio Alvbarez, Oscar Pesa, Cesar de Leon, Roberto Lariosa, Edgar Buinas, Rudy Danas, Nicolas Dasco, Paquito Bravo, Glen Valenzuela, Gaspar Fran, Mercedes Porciuncula, Quirico Danas, Vivencio Cana, Anita Danas, Norberto Norte, Tenoso Morte, Jose Villalon, and Gerry

Col. Angeles crited Lt. Pio Capistrano, intelligence and operation officer of the 246th PC company, for negotiating the surrender of a wanted person in Vinzons town.

IMUS, Cavite: Some P25 million worth of infrastructure projects will be implemented this year by the municipal government in a bid to accelerate socio-economie development in this

The projects were unveiled by Mayor Ayong Maliksi during the celebration of the second anniversary in office of the elected municipal

The projects include the construction of a P20-million sports complex at the old capitol site on Gen. Aguinaldo Highway, the construction of a modern slaughterhouse worth P2 million in barangay Tanzang Luma, the refurbishing of the town plaza (P2 million) which will be funded hy the Philippine Tourism Authority, and concreting of the Alapan I harangay road (PI million).

Maliksi said the projects, once completed, will help a lot in the improvement of the quality of life of his con-

Meanwhile, in a speech

P500,000 lying-in elinie in Medicion I, Maliksi pledged to transform I mus into a firstclass municipality before his term ends in 1992.

BALANGA, Bataan: Gov. Leonardo B. Roman said yesterday that P672,287 was released to finance the livelihood projects of New People's Army (NPA) rebel returnees in Bataan.

The amount, he said, was part of P60,000 released earlier hy the Department of Local Governments (DLG) to the office of provincial treasurer Pastor Vichuaco.

Roman said that DLG Secretary Luis T. Santos promised to release anytime this month the balance of the P2.8 million he had asked for the rebel returnees' livelihood projects. The balance, be said, is P2.04 million.

The governor said that 119 of the 350 former NPA rebels were given loans after they were screened and certified as former NPA rebels hy the Bataan PC-INP command and the social welfare office.

Felipe J. Nisay, provincial government operations officer, requested the main office of DLG that the payment of the loans be reloaned to other rebel returnees who have been waiting for the government assis-

MANILA: An initial batch of 133 Integrated National Police (INP) personnel — six officers and 127 men - started Monday special tactical operations training at the PC training command in Camp Castaneda, Silang, Cavite. According to Col. Nicasio

Ma. S. Custodio. PC Tracom superintendent, the aim of the 15-day training is to constitute a well-organized, welltrained and dependable component of law enforcement elements ready to provide assistance and protection to the people of the six municipalties under the jurisdiction of the Eastern Police District headed hy Brig. Gen. Manuel Roxas Jr. who requested the holding of the training course.

Meanwhile, in observance of Constitution Week (Feb 2-8), Lt. Col. Douglas O. Rosete, PC Tracom chief of staff, on belalf of Colonel Custodio, led the organic officers and men of PC Tracom and the newly arrived INP group in pledging their stitution during the Monday flag-raising ceremonies held at Camp Castaneda.

LEGASPI CITY: A New People's Army (NPA) rebel was killed while an NPA tax collector was captured in recent military operations in barangays Batbat and Sinogtan, Albay, military reports said.

Col Norberto M. Lina. Recom 5 deputy commander and Task Force Bulkan commanding officer, in a report to Brig.Gen. Marino L. Filart. Recom 5 commander, identified the NPA rebel killed as Jaime Oliva of Samahang Ynito Pangpropaganda (SYP) operating in Guinobatan town.

The captured NPA tax collector was identified as Alharto Octeza, alias "Ka Boy.'

TUBA, Benquet: Police investigators of this municipality are facing a blank wall in the murder of a hank manager whose body was found on the Marcos Highway.

Found dead at a ravine some 30 metres below the highway was Maximiano Hizon, 37, manager of the Allied Bank hranch in Agoo. La Union.

The body bore three bullet wounds. It was discovered by a farmer. Pfc. Formaque Pagnas of

the Tuha police force conducted the initial investigation and reported that the body was dumped below at Sido Esi-is, barangay Taloy Sur by the killers who drove away with the victim's car.

IBA, Zambales: The Sangguniang panlalawigan Iprovincial board) endorsed the appointment of second assistant provincial prosecutor Federico N. Nacin as provincial prosecutor of Zamhales. The provincial officials

recommended Nacin to the position which was left vacant with the appointment of provincial prosecutor David R. Rosete as judge of Branch 61 of the regional trial court in Angeles City.

MAKATI, Metro Manila: A big factory for edible oil in this town was padlocked on orders of Makati Mayor Jejomar C. Binay.
Numerous complaints by

residents against the plant's operation, which is said to be hazardous to their health, prompted the mayor to order the closure of the factory.

Binay ordered the Makati municipal administrator and regulatory chief not to renew the license and permit of the Tantuco Oil Co. on J.P.Rizal Ave. in Guadalupe Viejo "on the grounds of protection of the safety of human lives and the preservation of the ecological halance of the com-

munity. Barangay officials and residents near the factory have complained of the hlack smoke emitted from the factory's chimney and of white toxic substances it discharges into the Pasig River.

The residents also complained of the noise pollution caused by the factory's 24hour loading operations.

MANILA: A Metro Manila international communication and civic club sought an investigation on the alleged failure of the mother organisation of local radio clubs to pay taxes due to the govern-

Samuel Uy, president of the Tiger Civic Action and Radio Group (TCAG), said he will ask the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) to look into the illegal operations of the group for allegedly not remitting taxes from cash collections representing membership fees from members of the 105 radio groups recognised by the National Telecom-(NTC) nation-wide.

The group. Uy said, requires members of radio groups to pay P50 each from 1985 to late last year. The fee increased by P100 last December.

MANILA: The Manila Regional Trial Court convicted an illegal recruiter who was charged on Aug 26, 1988, in six criminal cases for illegal recruitment filed by six complainants from Pozorrubio. Pangasinan. In a 17-page decision. Man-

ila Regional Trial Court Judge Doroteo N. Cancha convicted Mohammat Ata Mustafa Hassan, a Jordanian, for victimising six residents of Pozorruhio — Deogracias Pederiche, Noralyn Baguio, Angelita Biay, Rufino Eria, Arturo Marinas, and Marlon Laron. Each of them gave P13,000 to P15,000 to land jobs in Ahu Dhabi, Middle East, but were not ahle to.

Mustafa was sentenced to an indeterminate penalty of imprisonment from six years and one day of prison correccional in its medium and maximum periods to eight years of prison mayor minimum for each of the six counts of estafa (illegal recruitment) and was directed to pay the complainants P13,000 to P15,000 each. The prosecution was directed to look for a certain Bebing de Vera if the evidence warrants

# Embassy corner

# Filipinos beware

IT has come to the attention of this Embassy that some sectors of the Filipino community has been using Olivia Palala's name or that of the Embassy for their own dubious purposes, if not to discredit the same. An example of a rumour heing bruited about is

that of an affair, supposedly being organised by one "Rose Aquino", which allegedly is being held under my sponsorship, or with my "blessings." The affair is definitely a money-making one, since as we have been informed, tickets costing KD5 (five dinars only) are being sold for it.

This is a blatant example of false advertisement, and I am aware that the Kuwaiti laws are very keen on shielding the innocent public from people or parties who distort the truth for their own purposes. At this point, I would like to repeat that:

1. I do not know this "Rose Aquino" either personally, professionally or in whatever manner; 2. I deplore the manner she has adopted.

shamelessly using my name, just to sell tickets for an "affair" I am supposed to give my belssing to;
3. I categorically state that I have nothing to do,

nor am I personally involved in the "affair" being organised by this "Rose Aquino" supposedly for the 9th of March 1990 at Ramada Al Salam Hotel. At the same time, I enjoin everybody to guard

against rumours and rumour-mongers. If we remain vigilant, none of us has to fall into their traps.

It is very easy to get at the truth concerning the Embassy: just call, visit or write to us. Our telephone numbers, address and mailing address are stated hereunder for the purpose:

Emhassy of the Philippines Tel. Nos. 532-9315/6/7/8/9 Jabriya, Area 10, Police Station Street. House 363

P.O. Box 26288 Safat, 13123,

State of Kuwait.

And to "Rose Aquino" and company, a special message: Please don't use your dirty tricks on

innocent people. Remember that "you can fool some of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time."

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the kitchen making chicken sandwiches to bring to Emil in the morning, as if he was sick in bed with Francer or something. I never could understand my

Anyway, I went out the next day with the classified ads in the pocket of my old jacket, and made the rounds. I didn't have much luck, mostly because I spent half the day in a theater in a commercial center. But at six o'clock, compelled by habit, I

headed over to a billiard hall two blocks away from our house to see if Emil, despite his experience,

# Bruce's latest bed hop...

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times staff

WASN'T I surprised to see Bruce Willis of Moonlighting fame hop into bed last week with Roseanne. So was Roseanne might be something happening at KTV (Roseanne Barr). She giggled and squealed, and for a minute I thought I was was actually allowed to peck Roseanne on watching TV Bloopers and Practical

But it was the Roseanne series all right. I am still mystified as to what the Hollywood heart-throh was looking for in the series, let alone Roseanne's bed

I expected Cyhil Shepherd to walk in any second and throw a tantrum, as well as her shoes and bag at David Addison. But before you could say Jack Rohinson, Willis vanished. The credits followed.

The only explanation I can come up with is that Roseanne's TV ratings began drop-ping dangerously in the US and the producers thought only a celebrity could salvage a series about a glamourless working class family. Willis's time though must be rather expensive. Judging by his fleeting appearance. Even if they could afford to keep him in bed with Roseanne for a few

minutes the American public cannot be fooled so easily. Nor would KTV rise to the bait. They know what bedroom scenes are for - the scissors. Mind you, there

There was another, albeit more successfully, TV hybrid on KTV 2 a week ago when detective Harry McGraw temporarily abandoned The Law and Harry McGraw to run to the aid of Jessica Fletcher, the crime story writer in Murder. She Wrote. Or was it the other way round?

While Willis and Roseanne make an odd couple, the methodical and resourceful Fletcher is a match for clumsy hut ingenious McGraw. This in itself is not good enough a reason to have them work as a team. Nobody doubted they would nail down the murderer, but they never failed when they operated on their own either. Someone should tell Hollywood that this type of teamwork is a waste.

The Watergate Affair has been thrashed out long ago, in real life and movies, but last Sunday's bestseller Final Days had the errant Richard Nixon whimper and pray for a miracle that will keep him in the White House. The film was not so much about the affair itself as it was a display of a peculiar morality - the president agonises not about his propensity for dirty tricks hut about his inability to cover his tracks.

I would make this movie compulsory viewing for all the new leaders in budding democracies lest they get tempted (like the Hungarians, who obviously have not watched Final Days, and resorted to illegal telephone tapping) to use underhand, ways to develop their democracies. The bad bit is that Nixon's only regret was that he was caught and others before him had

We are repeatedly told by KTV that Channel 2 is not there for the expatriates hut for the Arabs who wish to improve their English. This is fine so long as the Cine Club does not screen a Russian, or a Japanese film, as was the case last week when Farouq Abdul Aziz featured the masterpiece of Japanese cinematography, Akira Kurosawa's The Seven Samurai. As

the film was not dubbed and carried subtitles in Arabic the only conclusion I can draw is that Arab viewers are expanding their interest in foreign languages and are now onto a lesson in Japanese. Pity, as they could have upgraded their English reading ability had there been subtitles in that

language.
And now over to Dalhia. No, we won't talk about her English for that would be flogging a dead horse. It is her pronunciation of names. The other night she re-christened the Japanese Prime Minister calling him Mr Keefa, while you can hardly find a Japanese that has a simpler and shorter name than the premier's. We won't go into further detail, suffice it to say that Ms Dalhia is at her most imaginative when it comes to Slavic names, and among those ber speciality are Polish names, although she did a nice joh of the Yugoslav president's name as well. One remarkable thing is that mouth after mouth, year after year Ms Dalhia takes her own mistakes with a stoic grin. Is it possible that those in charge of *The News* share her indifference? The public doesn't.

# The Caucasian Chalk Circle

PRESENTED by the New English School, Kuwait.

I suspect that a number of the audience of Tuesday's opening night performance of this piece will have travelled home with questions in their mind. The play, an episodic story loosely centered on a woman's action in saving and caring for a baby during a time of civil unrest, is a difficult piece, both for performers and audience. Pulling out of the car park, many people may have asked themselves quite what the play was about. Once on the motorway, they may have been asking themselves why this particular play should be performed in 1990. After all, it is ostensibly a socialist play written many years ago, and isn't socialism a dying philosophy, what with the recent upheaval in Eastern Europe? Finally, turning into their drive and getting out of the car, they might have wondered why on earth a school should choose to perform such a

I think that the fact that the first question - about the clarity of the play — is asked, perhaps points to an occupational bazard faced by any performers of Brechtian theatre. A lot of things happen, there is a cast of dozens (twenty-nine in this case with many part doubling or "trebling" up) and the storyline doesn't become clear for sometime. Some of the confusion could be put down to the inexperience of the performers, but Brecht's message is not a simple one, and cannot be expressed in simple

Nevertheless, now is a good time to look at what Brecht is saying: the play is about the bumanitarian side of socialism. At a time when the iron machinery of the government of the Eastern block is being rolled aside, it's timely to consider the baby along with the bathwater. And it is the welfare of the baby and the compassion of his foster mother in the play that Brecht is concerned with. I suspect that Brecht would have been delighted with the turn of events in Eastern Europe - but also alarmed by the triumphant cries of "all socialism is bad - all capitalism is good." So, given that it's a good time to, reconsider this difficult play, wby should a school do it, rather than choose a less demanding piece?

School is - or should be - about stretching and challenging the individual. It should offer every student the chance of realising his or ber full potential. Why should school drama be different? From the moment the play opened, with an attention-grabbing and exciting fullcast rendition of the "Internationale" it was clear that we, the audience, were in for something other than the usual school play recipe of easy

With some whole-hearted and sometimes thrilling ensemble playing; the cast threw themselves into the performance and stretched themselves and their audience to the limit. True, some of the performances were uneven, and there were times when it looked as if they had bitten off more than they could chew but, overall, director Thomas Zugie managed to imbue his cast with a tremendous attack and energy that defied the audience not to be involved in the story of woman and child surviving in a desperate situation. As Grusha, the woman, Nadia Dabbagh gave a performance that was utterly convincing and often especially in the scenes with Simon (Asim Ali), very moving. There is no question that Ms Dabbagh is a very talented actress. Of the other actors, Mazen El Hadary and Bassam Shuhaiber deserve great credit for their engaging and powerful performances as narrators, and, playing a number of smaller roles, Tamimah Dhaher effortlessly displayed a sense of perfect timing and control that enable her to steal almost every scene she was in.

The New English School has never gone for the soft option when it comes to school drama, and the Caucasian Chalk Circle is acredit to the amhition and commitment of all concerned.

Phil Clymer — British Broadcasting Corporation (Overseas)

CINEMA

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# TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

Big Al Firdous

11.45 That's Incredible: Foreign Variety Programme

**EVENING PERIOD** 

Satellite (repetition) Saham Al Fadha: Cartoon Serial

5.45 Night

The annual family rally for Danes will take place on Friday, March 23. For registration, please call Henrik — Tel: 3727688/92 ext. 246 before Wednesday, March 14.

Muemen 7.45 Diwaniyat Shuara Al Nabat:

Local News 9.00 News in Arabic

(part 7)
10.45 Msafra Fi Hayat Al Akhareen; Arahic feature (part 1): star-

12.05 The World Today via Satellite

12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

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series for children.

hody cast? Laurel wearing a whiplash collar? Relic on crut-

series of events and chain reactions...
7.00 The Celts. The Final Conflict.' A look at the Celtic language as a

means for studying traditions, moral and cultures of the Celts ... An attempt is made to revive the Celtic lan-

guage... 8.00 News in English 8.30 Midnight Caller Promise To A Dead Man' "Killian" is requested to belp reveal the secret of a crime committed 40

Luther, the defence, of the foothall team because of gamhling

Silence. Christine is a lady who lost her sense of hearing after an accident. She accepts 10 participate in a scientific experiment which will transplant a

12.00 News in Brief 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

# Watier launches products

By Lime Al Khalafawi . Arab Times staff

INNOCENT or seductive, romantic or sophisticated, discreet or adventurous, with the colours of Lise Watter cosmetics. you can reveal the different facets

of your personality.
Lise Water who has the largest beauty institutes in Canada believes in competition that makes an individual work better and more innovatively.
"I work 200 per cent to achieve

100 per cent", Watter said. A woman of distinguished touches on women's beauty, she was brought up in Montrial Canada in school with muns. When she in school with mins, when she reached the age of 19 the was fascinated by a book of Helena. Rubenstein, Watter, after reading the book, decided that her future would be dedicated to making women beautiful.

Watter as a student was very shy. She would always prefer to cut the hair of her friends and classmates at school and do make up for them.
In her twenties she worked on

TV, and was daily addressing women on all aspects of their interests — on how to behave in society, how to look beautiful and bow to dress, etc....

Such questions were on her mind all the time, but with the advice from specialists, answers were of great benefit years later.

Her interest in this particular field of specialisations, stems from the inborn conviction that beauty is of primary concern to every woman-irrespective of

her status".
This interest and experience finally developed and was implemented to the founding of ber school so as to answer women's needs to feel good about themselves.

a loving husband who works in Watier started her institute of

beauty services in 1968 till 1987 with new developments in this field. In 1972 she launched her full cosmetics line and being choosy in the quality of cos-metics she was able to bring out something new and different in the prestigious cosmetic products alongwith fragrance.

In spite of the hectic pace ofactivities that called for a continnal personal involvement in her institute, she endured lecturingbig companies, for example Air Canada teaching all aircraft

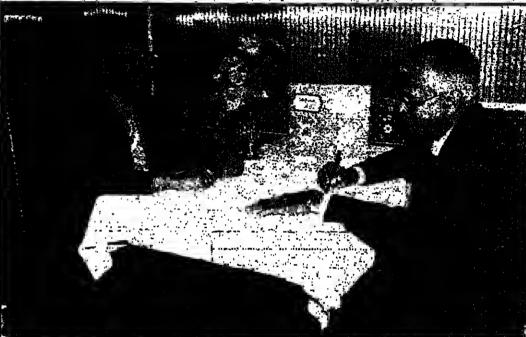
She is the mother of two daughters aged 18 and 15 and has

the financial services. Her family is the "catalyst in her successful career". Ohtaining total support is an essential base.

Watier keeps a strict diet comprising mainly of cellulose as a means to maintain a trim figure.

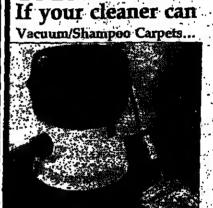
My work is a hobby, a life time, a passion that worked out in harmony", she said and added that she is privileged as her hus-band is with her. A loving hus-

band that shares all her joys and crises. He is always there to say "tomorrow will be better". Lise Watier on her second visit to Kuwait has successfully launched her cosmetics line in the area as well as in Saudi Arabia.



## Winners sponsoring Narmada's event

WINNERS Restaurant: the Indian sensation in Kuwait for Continental, Chinese and Mughai dishes, located in Salmiyah and Farwaniya, will be sponsoring the presentation of Malayalam social drama A Love Mantra from Ujjain to be staged by Narmada Trieatres at Indian Arts Circle Auditorium, Furiaitees on Friday, May 11; 1990 at 6.30 pm. A press release of Narmada Theatres claims that rehearsals are on full swing and the organisers are of hope to make it a memorable event for the Malayalee community in Kuwait. Picture shows Haji P. K. Moideen, managing partner of Winners Restaurant signing the agreement of sponsorship while looking on to it is C.A. John, Chairman of Nameda Theatres.



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## SOCIAL

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Brazil. Tickets on sale at: 2630000 ext 4010.

held on the occasion of the Gol

Resolution. group of between 12-14 (juniors) and 15-18 (seniors) are invited to write their essays in Urdu or English, which should he between 1,000 to 1,500

words. Four prizes of KD 100 each (2 each for Urdu and English) will be awarded to the best articles in each group with other consolation prizes for deserv-

ing participants.
The penal of judges is headed by Dr M.I. Saleem, Dr. Ali Jaffrey and Abdus Sattar Ghazali. For further details, contact: Tel. APPROB: 2425315 Fax:

THE Khalifa school recently held a charity bazaar at the Old Failaka Room of the Kuwait International Hotel. The bazaar displayed Latin American rugs, silver, souvenirs, brassware, decoupage, ceramics and other

APPROB essay competition ASSOCIATION of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (APPROB) has extended the last date of its essay competi-tion from 15th March to 15th April. The essay competition on the topic "My role in huilding a better Pakistan' is being

Daniella Coffee Morning The next coffee morning for Danes will take place at the SAS Hotel on Sunday, March 4, at 9 am. For further details call Inge - 3727688 ext 207. Bits 'n' Pieces An interesting 8 week course in patchwork and quilting techniques. For details contact Tel. 5634663.

Orchestra has performed frequently in Poland and has toured over 18 European countries as well as the United States, Canada, Mexico and

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MORNING 9.30 The Opening and Holy

Quran 9.40 Sabah Al Kher News 9.50 Cartoon Serial

10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition) Shuaa Min Al Madhi: Arabic Serial (part 12)

12.25 News Summary 12.30 Holy Quran and

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5.15 Cartoons Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements 6.00 Wa Qala Hakeem: His-

torical Serial Varieties 7.15 You and Your Health: Local programme, prepared by Dr Salem Ghazi and presented by Dr Husain Al

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9.45 Illa Al Shabah Maa Al Taneya: Arabic Serial

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6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
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device inside her ear .... 10.30 Bestseller, "Cassidy"

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Four indices dip

# Kuwait trade volume surges

THE Alshall index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday, Feb 28, 1990 an average of 38.74 points with a decrease of 0.01 point — 0.03 per cent — from last week's average of Wednesday, Feb 21, 1990. The Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 64.93 points with a decrease of 1.70 per second of the companies of 1.70 per second 2.56 points - 3.79 per cent - for the same period, according to Al Shall weekly market review.

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The trading volume (three days of trading only) for Kuwaiti shares reached 14.62 million shares at a daily average of 4.87 million shares with an increase of 146 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 1.98 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.28 million shares at a daily average of 0.427 million shares with a decrease of 67 per cent over last week's daily average of 0.632 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD10.89 million at a daily average of KD3.63 million, an in... se of 397 per cent over last week's daily average of KD 0.73 million. The value of non-Kuwaii. traded shares was KD0.046 million at a daily average of KD0.015 million, a decrease of 65 per cent from last week's daily average of K.D 0.042 million.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 90.5 per cent of total trading against 53 per cent last week. The National Bank had the lead at 79 per cent, followed by Kuwait Finance House at 9 per cent and Burgan Bank at 4 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 3.6 per cent in which Coast Investment and Development Company had the lead at 91 per cent followed by Kuwait Investment Projects Company at 7 per cent and Commercial Facilities Company at 2 per cent. The Real Estate Sector came third at 3.3 per cent in which United Reality Comapny had the lead at 79 per cent followed by Kuwait Real Estate Company at 21 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Umm-AlQuain Cement Company had the lead at 63 per cent, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 31 per cent and Bahrain Middle East Bank at 6 per cent.

The market gave signs of mixed performance which was inclined to the active side in spite of the fact that four of the six indices decreased while two increased. Two of the Kuwaiti indices increased while the third did not change and this justifies our previous conclusion of increase in market activity. From previous experience, we believe that the next few weeks will show signs of increase in pressures to activate the market, however, we cannot predict if this will lead to any change.

Kuwait shareholdin	Wed.		Change points
Banking Sector The National Bk	122.61	121.52	1.09
The Gulf Bk	29.70	29.70	
The Comm. Bk	23.71 29.77	23.71	0.50
k of Kt & ME	30.97	30.97	. 0.30
Luwait R. Est. Bk	28.29		-0.43
Burgan Bk It Finance House	25.81 77.45		0.21

NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES

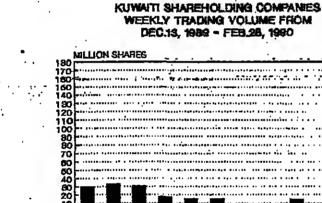
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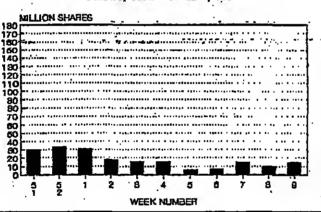
WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM

	Sector Index	47.63	47.43	0.20	
٠	inv. Sector				
	Kuwait Inv. Co.	9.18	9.18	_	
	Kt. Int. Inv. Co.	<sub>-</sub> 8.59	8.59	_	
	IFA	24.45	24.45		
	Comm. Facilities	145.75	148. <i>5</i> 0	-2.75	
	National Inv.	57.84	57.84	_	
	Kt. Inv. Proj.	92.13	92.13	_	
	Coast Inv. & Dev.	89.41	91.76	-2.35	
	Sector Index	31.92	32.22	-0.30	
	Ins. Sector			*****	
	Kt. Ins. Co.	35.88	35.88		
	Gulf Ins. Co.	23.08	23.08	_	
	Al Ahicia Ins.	50.84	50.84	_	
	Warba Ins. Co.	50.69	50.69		
	Sector Index	35.74	35,74	=	
	Real Est. Sec.				
	Kt. Real Est.	12.74	14.02	-1.27	
	Utd. Realty	5.35	5.29	0.06	
	Nat. Real Est.	39.42	39.42	0.00	
	Pearl of Kt.	63.49	63.49	_	
	Sector Index	15.50	15.81	-0.31	
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	Kt. Cmt. Co.	.11.45	11.45	_	
	Ref. Ind.	84.55	84.55	_	
	Gulf Cables	104.08	104.08	_	
	Kt. Pharm.	60.44	60.44	_	
	Sector Index	28.83	28.83	_	
	Services Sector				
	Kt. Cmptr. Co.	140.40	151.20	-10.80	
	Kt. Cinema Co.	7.61	7.61	10.50	
	Pub. Whousg Co.	58.59	58.59	_	
٠	Kt. Comm. M.Co.	36.83	36.83	. =	
	M. Tele. Syst.	338.10	347.62	-9.52	
	Sector Index	57.31	58.49	-1.17	
	Food Sector	37.41	<b>40.40</b>	-1	
	L. Trad. & Transp.	29.29	29.29		
	Utd Fisheries	11.05	11.05		
	Kt. Utd Poultry	110.01	110.01		
	Kt. Food Co.	73.56	73.56		
		39.49	39.49		
	Sector Index	-38.74	38.76	-0.01	
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		_28/02/90		points	
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	Bah. Intl. Bk.	82.76	91.03	-8.28	
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Non-Kuwaiti shareh	olding comp	anles Ind	ex
	Wed.	Wed.	Change
	28/02/90	21/02/90	points
First G, Bk.	236.84	236.84	_
Bah. Intl. Bk.	82,76	91.03	-8.28
Bah, M.E. Bk.	94.92	93.97	0.95
A. Gen. Inv. (Shua)	43.94	43.94	_
Umm Al Q. Cmt.	17.25	17.62	-0.37
G. Med. Projs.	13.13	13.13	_
Total Index	64.93	67.49	-2.56
-Base period 31/12/1983.			
-All the companies listed by	y the Stock Ex	change u	nder non-

Kuwaiti companies are included.





# Bundesbank paper sees one-to-one swap for ostmark

HAMBURG, West Germany, March 3, (Reuter): A secret paper on monetary union from West Germany's powerful Central Bank proposes that East and West German marks should be worth the same, the weekly

magazine Der Spiegel said today.

But the Bundesbank, the central bank which controls West Germany's currency lar-gely free of government interference, policy, said it had not drawn up plans for monetary

The proposals quoted (by Spiegel) come from a written discussion document from one of the Bandesbank's 18 board members," the central bank said. "This contribution was made - together with a series of other contributions — in preparation for discussions in the Bundesbank council."

The Bundesbank's policy-making council met on Thursday and economists said discussions had centred on Chancellor Helmut As a first step to unity, the two Germanys plan to replace the weak East German mark with the powerful West German currency, but no one is sure how many East German marks one West German mark will be worth.

In an advance summary of an article in next Monday's edition, Der Spiegel said East Germans would at first be allowed to swap up to 2,000 marks cash and up to 3,000 marks in bank deposits at one-to-one rate.

Additional funds would be exchanged at the same rate but at a later date, it added, citing the confidential bank document.

The usually well-informed magazine said the document also suggested firms and public authorities should be able to swap a set amount of funds at the one-to-one rate. The report was similar to one published in the Hamburg newspaper Bild on Friday.

Rates of two or three East German marks for one West German mark have also been

ings but prevent East German products

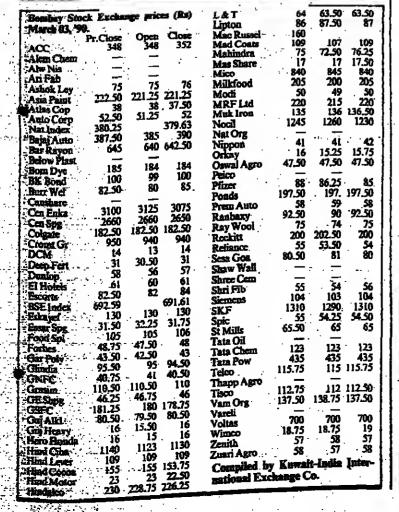
becoming too expensive for export. Kohl said last week he expected currency union to be completed this year. He offered in February to introduce the mark into East Germany to save its battered economy and encourage East Germans to stop flocking in droves to the West.

But Bundesbank president Karl Otto Poehl was quoted as saying on Wednesday a rate of one-to-one for all East German marks was

"A mark of the GDR (German Democratic Republic) isn't worth a D-mark," Poehl told the New York Times.

The Bundesbank, worried about the possible inflationary and destabilising effects of the West German currency, has been cautious about plans for monetary union and has shown little eagerness to rush into it.

## suggested. The issue is complex: a lower rate, Kohl's drive for German monetary union. Bombay shares



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# London market regains ground

LONDON, March 3, (UPI): Equities on London's international stock exchange ended a week of this trading with a modest rally, regaining ground lost after this week's dismal trade

report, the third worst on record.

The Financial Times Stock Exchange 108-share index closed at 2254.8 points, up 16.4 points on the session and 18.1 points higher on week. The Financial Times 30 index closed at 1774.2 points tigher compared to February 23.

The Seaq volume Friday reached a

The Seaq volume Friday reached a healthy 542 million shares, the first day this week that trading surpassed the 400 million level. However, 176 million of the shares were accounted for by Elders selling its 23 per cent stake in Scottish and Newcastie.

Friday's recovery was checked by the weakness of sterling and fears about a political backlash against the

government's poll tax. Share prices in London rebounded Monday, shrupging off the second largest one-day fall of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. A 35-point fall on the FTSE in early trading turned into a 13-point gain at the close. Wall Street's early compourer in the fees of Street's early composure in the face of the Tokyo turnoil helped shares in ndon recover.

Bat Industries gained 8p to 784p as General Cinema showed interest in Marshall Field's and Saks Fifth Avenue, the two American department stores the tobacco, insurance and fin-

ancial services giant intends to self.

Body Shop tumbled 42p to 475p with reports that the European Economic Community planned to tighten its rules on cosmetics have not been tested on animals.

In trading Tuesday, share prices moved slightly higher, but investors were cantious ahead of the monthly trade figures.

trade figures.

A 24 per cent profits boost sent Unilver, the Anglo-Dutch food and personal products group, up 5p to 630p while reassurances from the European Commission belped body ship recover 34p to reach 509p.

A broker's downgrading for composites depressed the insparance sector. General Accident shares dropped 18p to 11050 while Guardian Royal lost 30

to 1105p while Guardian Royal lost 3p to 237p and Sun Alliance dropped 9p to 302p. Economic giants meet

# Trade disputes tackled

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif., March 3, (Reuter): President George Bush and Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu of Japan wrap up two days of talks today hy tackling key trade disputes straining ties between the economic giants. Bush and Kaifu's first day of talks on Friday in the

relaxed atmosphere of the exclusive morningside country club focused largely on military issues in the Pacific and touched briefly on trade.

Kaifu told journalists late on Friday that he also wanted US co-operation in stabilising volatile currency markets. The markets have fluctuated wildly in Tokyo in recent weeks.

"It is quite natural that Japan and America will

co-operate on the currency markets, and without this no effective counter-measures can be worked Generally, both countries have co-operated in

trying to co-ordinate currency values, although the dollar closed on Friday above 150 Japanese yen for the first time in 2 1/2 years — despite US attempts to halt the rise of its currency. US and Japanese officials said much of the

agenda of the final day of the talks was devoted to American anger over what it claims are unfair trade barriers that block US goods from Japan's market. The complaints, which have been festering for

years, have fuelled anti-Japanese sentiments among increasingly frustrated members of Congress.

"Both (leaders) recognise that the countries face difficult issues" involving trade, said Shigeo Takesaka, a Japanese government spokesman.

"They agreed the two countries' relationship has never been more important than it is now," he said.

The structural impediments initiative talks, the latest in a series of US-Japan negotiations aimed at lowering barriers to imports, have mushroomed into a major trade dispute between the two nations.

Stakes are especially high following the third round of the talks last week, which failed to satisfy US demands that Japan take quick action to help cut a trade surplus with the United States that has bovered around \$50 hillion annually for years.

US officials have grown impatient with vague Japanese declarations of intent to solve trade Bush was particularly concerned about trade in

satellites, supercomputers and forest products and hriefly raised the issues during Friday's talks which primarily were devoted to defence issues.
US Defence Secretary Dick Chency told the Japanese during a visit last month that US-Japanese

ued good health of our overall relations." During that trip he announced that the United States was considering a 10 per cent cut in the number of US troops stationed in the Pacific region.

trade disputes caused him concern "for the contin-

(See Page 16)

prices, the economy saw high growth and low inflation in 1987 and 1988, but ran into trouble again last

year when tourism receipts declined and a row with

India — Morocco's most important buyer of phospharic acid — stopped all imports after a pricing dispute which resulted in an 80 per cent slump in

In 1988, sales of phosphate rock and acid earned 11 hillion dirhams (\$1.32 billion) for Morocco.

cent increase in the cost of imports in the first half of last year compared with 1988 to 22 billion dirhams

The phosphate decline coincided with a 16.6 per

Oil cost Morocco — one of the few non-oil

producing countries in the Arab world - 28 per cent

India hit sales of phosphates.

# More belt-tightening urged

## **King Hassan warns Moroccans**

AGAD1R, Morocco, March 3, (Reuter): King Hassan warned Moroccans today to tighten their belts because of the impact of high energy prices and

lower-than-expected phosphate exports.

In a state-of-the-nation address on the annual Throne Day, the King said the government would take account of new factors which have seen the budget deficit soar to 6.9 billion dirhams (\$860

"From now on, it (the government) will have to follow a balanced and wise austerity policy," he

The King, speaking from a new luxurious palace in Agadir, accused unnamed buyers of phosphate-Morocco's largest export — of failing to bonour

"This has had negative repercussions on our hudget," be said, adding that a sudden increase in energy prices had made a complete nonsense of economic forecasts.

Morocco - one of the world's most beavilyindebted nations — began an austerity programme sponsored by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the mid-1980s.

In the first six months of last year, the trade deficit grew by more than 60 per cent and is now estimated at around \$700 million.

more in the period.

(\$2,6 billion).

The IMF wants Morocco to cut state subsidies

and bring the budget deficit down from a projected 6.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent before it grants a new Helped by good harvests and low world energy



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## BUSINESS



# Arab Fund signs two loan pacts

KUWAIT, March 3, (Kuna): The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development today signed two loan agreements to finance two projects in the Yemen Arah Republic by KD8.5

million. The two agreement were sigoed by the board chairman and managing director of the fund Abdul Latif Yousef Al Hamad and the North Yemeni Deputy Premier and Minister of Development Dr Mohammed Saeed Al Altar who is the head of the Yemeni central planning

apparatus.
The first KD5.5 million project aims at increasing the agricultural and fish production and improving the income of farmers and fishermen through supporting the ability of the cooperative agricultural credit bank to give loans.

The project also aims at improving the living standard of about 67,000 peoples living in

The project, which is expected to be completed by mid-1996, includes buying seasonal requirements and irrigation equipment, land reclamation and developing the animal production and fishing boats and

The loan is repayable over a period of 25 years, including a period of grace for eight years. and carries an interest rate of 3 per cent a year.

AS IOF LICS project, it aims at developing the transport service and backing the agricultural production in Heja province and the Tuhama valleys and improving transportation between agricultural and mark-

## Shekel devalued

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, March 3, (Reuter): The Baok of Israel devalued the shekel today for the second time within 24 hours, dropping it 2.32 per cent to 2.0094 to the dollar, a bank spokesman said. The shekel fell 2.09 per cent against

a dollar-domioated basket of currencies to 2.1390 shekels to the basket

li has been devalued against the dollar by a total of 2.55 per cent since Thursday morning, far less than a six per cent devaluation predicted by the Central Bank on Wednesday.

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, March 3.(Kuna); Follow ing are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Agnotineed by the Ce Kurwait today.

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## Interest rates

KUWAIT, March 3. (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwant today.

## **Exchange Rates**

Indian rupee Sri Lankan rupee Pakistani rupee Bangladesh laka US dollar Pound sterling	13.810 9.020 29370 48500
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# Banks' local operations surge

CHANGES in the main items of the aggregate balance sheet of local banks (commercial and specialised) at the end of December 1989 indicate an increase in local operations of these banks - on both sides of financial resources and uses—to reach 84.8 percent of the total activity of these banks, exceeding its level (79.6 per cent) in the previous month, against a decrease in the ratio of foreign activity from 20.4 per cent to 15.2 per cent.

It has been noticed that about 90.5 of total fund resources, which were available to local banks, came from local sources and 79 per cent of their total use of funds was directed to local activities, according to Central Bank of Kuwait's

As a result of these developments, the total aggregate balance sheet of local

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banks reached to KD13,163 million at the end of December 1989, a decrease of 3.5 per cent (KD473 million) below its level at the end of the previous month. This decline, on the side of assets, is attributed to a decrease of 4 per cent (KD421 million) in local assets and 1.6 per cent (KD52 million) in foreign

On the side of liabilities, it is attributed to a decrease of 3 per cent (KD359 million) in local liabilities and 6.4 per cent (KD114 million) in foreign

Meanwhile, local banks' claims in

KD oo the Central Bank increased by KD22 million and the Central Bank's claims in KD on local banks decreased hy KD8 million as a result of a decrease m swap operations (KD12million) and an increase in discount operations (KD4 million).

As a result, the net balance of the Central Bank in KD with local banks declined by KD30 million below its level in the previous month to reach KD308 million at the end of December

As for public debt instruments, the Central Bank of Kuwait offered in December 1989 four issues of treasury hills (from issue No. 81 to issue No. 84), totalling KD595 million. Four previous issues of these bills (from issues traments (freatury bills and bonds)
No. 68 to issue No. 71), totalling increased by KD20 million (0.9 per
KD500 million, matured. Thus the out candover the previous month; totalling
standing halance of these bills KD2186 million at the end of Decemincreased to reach KD1,816 million, an increase of 5.5 per cent (KD95 million) over the previous mooth.

During December 1989 no issues of treasury bonds were offered. Meanwhile, four previous issues of these-bonds (a bracket of issue No. 2, issue No. 29, issue No. 31, and issue No. 33) totalling KD75 million, matured. Thus the outstanding balance of treasury bonds declined to KD370 million.

As a result of these developments, the outstanding balance of public debt ins-

ber 1989. In December 1989 the KD exchange rate realised relative improvement (1.13 per cent) against the US dollar, as the US dollar exchange rate ranged between 292.38 fils and 296.63 fils, a monthly average of 295.09 fils. Against other major currencies, the KD performance was mixed as, for example, it increased against both the Japanese yen (1.36 per cent) and the pound sterling-(0.12 per cent) and decreased against both the Deutsche mark (3.79 per cent) and French franc (3.17 per cent). In major currencies was more stable than that of the US dollar against the same currencies because the US dollar declined at rates (4.87 per cent against the Deutsche mark and 4.25 per cent against the French franc) higher than the rates of the KD decline against these

As for interest rates in the mon market, they declined slightly on interbank KD deposits at rates ranging between 1.45 per cent (from 8.40 per cent 4.4 to 8.28 per cent) on one-year deposits and 0.30 per cent (from 8.44 per cent to g.42 percent) and (from 8.43 percent to 8.41 per cent on both one-month and three-month deposits respectively.

# Bush, Kaifu discuss US-Japan ties, trade

# Stable currency markets needed

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., March 3, (Agencies): US President George Bush raised specific trade issues he wants Tokyo to solve quickly when he met Japaoese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu yesterday, a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official

"President Bush did refer to the oeed 10 solve hilateral trade problems early and mentioned specific trade issues he sees of particular importance," the official told reporters today.

The issues iocluded trade in

satellites, supercomputers and forest products, areas in which the United States says Japan has unfairly resisted imports.

Kaifu told journalists late on

Friday that he would seek US co-operation in stahilising volatile currency markets when be and Bush met again today. The Japanese leader said wild fluc-luations in exchange rates were "absolutely undesirable" and must

"It is quite natural that Japan and America will co-operate on the currency markets, and without this

no effective countermeasures can be worked out," he said. Japan's Kyodo News Agency said Kaifu also saw wider co-operation on currency markets with other

major trading nations.

I will request President Bush for co-operation among the major industrialised countries to hriog about stability in foreign exchange markets," Kyodo quoted him as say-

The dollar rose above 150 yen in Tokyo on Friday for the first time since last June, prompting the Bank of Japan to intervene heavily in exchaoge markets to defeud the Bush, under growing pressure to

retaliate against Japanese industries accused of uofair trade practices, said oo the eve of the talks: "We've got to convince him (Kaifu) that we've got to move forward with some of the lough problems."

The US trade deficit with Japan stood at \$49 billion in 1989, down only marginally from 52 billioo io 1988. It posted a record \$56 billioo deficit to 1986.

Japanese officials said Bush ooted on Friday that "difficult economic problems" existed between the two countries, naming Japanese trade practices that were claimed as unfair under the so-called Super 301 clause

NEW YORK, March 3, (UPI): The world's econ-

omy is growing at a slow 2 per cent annual rate,

changes in Eastern Europe bode well for the short-

and long-term economic outlook throughout the

continent, thus far the leading indexes show no indication of a favourable impact," said the

independent organisation which conducts man-

The survey is based on composite indexes reflect-ing the economy of the world's 11 most industrial-

ised nations. The indicators are weighted according

The survey said the world economy was currently

Excluding the United States, the average growth

growing at a mere 2 per cent, unchanged from six

agement and economic research world-wide.

to the size of the countries' economy.

"Despite the widely held belief that the dramatic

according to a survey by the Conference Board.



Kaitu (left) shakes hands with Bush in Celifornia. (Reuter wirephoto)

of the US 1988 trade act. Under the provision, if Washing-too cites a country by name for unfair trading practices, proceedings are required against every unfair prac-

tice listed for that country.

Last May, the administrance decided to apply this to Japan, claiming Tokyo had unfairly resisted ports of satellites, supercomputers and forest products.

A Foreign Ministry official said in Tokyo earlier this week the two leaders were unlikely to talk about

World economy grows at sluggish pace

Japan tops the list with 9pc

growth rate.

specific trade problems because the meetiog was oot going to he a negotiating session.

But stakes were especially high following the third round of Structural Impediments Initiative (SII) tural impediments initiative (SII) talks last week in Tokyo, which failed to satisfy US demands that Japan act quickly to help cut its snowballing trade surplus with the United States. The SII talks, the latest series of

US-Japan consultations that aim at lowering barriers 10 imports, have developed into a big trade dispute

rate for the other 10 countries surveyed would be 3

The United States with a 2 per cent growth rate

The four major European countries surveyed

contributed to the poor showing with a combined zero growth rate. West Germany again proved to be

the driving force in the European economy with a 2 per cent growth rate, while all Britain, France and

Italy recorded negative growth from 1 to 3 per cent.

rim drove the economic growth up, with a combined

7 per cent rate. Japan topped the list with 9 per cent.

followed by Taiwan, with 7 per cent. The region's

rate would have been much higher without Aus-

tralia, which reported a 4 per cent negative growth

rate, the poorest performance of the 11 countries.

Again, the five countries surveyed in the Pacific

fared better, however, than Canada, with a zero

per ceot, also unchanged from six months ago.

Kaifu told journalists travelling with him: "I sincerely endeavour to solve these problems from the point of view of the general public." But he was vague on how to do so, saying he would have to co-ordiante conflict-

ing interests at home. Some of the structural barriers Washington demanded Japan reform include investment, savings, land policy, distribution, exclusive business practices and pricing. None of these barriers could be

iminated unless Kaifu exerts strong political leadership in persuading domestic interest groups who have benefitted from them, analysts said. White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Bush assured Kaifu that US force reductions would oot affect "deterrence or stability" in Asia. A bid to have Japan pay more of the cost of its own defence was raised and greeted with agreement on "the need for suitable

sharing." Fitzwater said.
Atmospherics dominated. Any doubt of that was dispelled by Fitzwater, who said Bush's goal was to "ay a conceptual framework" for the two countries to "realise the full potential" of their relationship.

arrangements for balanced cost-

Bush characterised Kaifu's 24hour visit, coming after his re-election and a speech to parliament, as a "significant gesture" and "strong indication", of the importance of US-Japanese relations.

No one predicted breakthroughs on a set of complex trade disputes rooted in cultural, economic and political differences

Indeed, both sides worked to minimise expectations and separate the meeting from frustration produced by the sluggish pace of talks to remove structural causes of an almost \$50 billioo US trade deficit with Japan.

However, neither side could deny the timeliness, coming as those negotiations near a deadline for interim progress and as the adminis-tration weighs retaliation and the initiation of new unfair-trade complaints against Japan.

Japan, on the other hand, con-tends the United States has its own bad habits to blame — including a low savings rate, short-sighted corporate strategies, over-regulatioo and inadequate research and development -- for any loss of com-

## Tehran raises minimum wage

NICOSIA, March 3, (Reuter): Iran, with inflation officially recorded at 28.5 per cent a year, said today it was raising the minimum wage hy 20 per cent.

Tehran radio said the minimum daily wage would be raised to 1,000 rials (\$14 at the official exchange rate) as of March 21, the beginning of the Iranian new

Minimum take-home pay, including allowances, would be 32,400 rials (\$463) a month for single workers and 45,000 rials (\$643) for married workers, it Iran last increased the min-

imum daily wage in March 1988.



# US stocks gain momentum.

# Raterise report denied.

TOKYO, March 3, (Agencies): A senior Bank of Japan (BOJ) official denied today a local Tokyo press report that the central bank had started negotiations with the Finance. Ministry to raise the official discount rate by 0.75 per cent

early next week.

"The press report was just speculation and not based on the fact at all." he told Reuters.

The daily newspaper Mainichi Shimbun, which published the report, gave no source for its information. It said the BOJ would make a final decision on raising the 4.25 percent discount rate after watching developments in stock and currency markets next week.

The official discount rate is the cheapest rate at which the BOJ lends money to banks.
The BOJ official said the central bank was still monitoring the effect on the economy of three discount rate

increases last year.

The bank is also carefully watching what effect the current weakness of the yen against the dollar may have on domestic prices, he said.

The yen briefly reached 150 yen against the dollar in Tokyo yesterday, its lowest level for more than eightmooths, it closed in New York on Friday at 150,22/32 to

Tokyo money market sources predicted that the US dollar's value will further increase against the Japanese yen next week due to the continuing demand on the greenback.

The dollar had closed the week at 149.75 yen which was 3.28 yen higher than its last week closing. Dealers expect the dollar to range between 149 and 152 yen the coming week.

They said that the American currency gained as a result

They said that the American currency gained as a result of expectations of the year's weakness and soaring demand by local companies on the dollar.

The dealers pointed out that Bank of Japan had sold \$8 billion this week to boost the faltaring yen and expect the trend to cootinue next week but speculated that its intervention would not secure much because the dollars will be soon a broched by peady cristomers. will be sooo absorbed by needy customers.

The governor of the Bank of Japan will next week leave

experts in Britain and West Germany and attend a meeting for the International Settlements Bank in Basel, Switriand. US stocks gained momentum yesterday and cruised to

their fifth straight advance as buyers were swept up by, enthusiasm in the market's best week since October.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 24.77 points or 2 0.94 per cent to close at 2.660.36.

Volume was moderate with 164.3 million shares chang-

Volume was moderate with 25 of the hange, compared ing hands on the New York Stock Exchange, compared with 1579 million on Thursday. Gainers outpaced lose of 976 to 474.

For the week, the closely watched Dow index rose 96.17)

points, or 3.75 per cent. its best performance since the week, following last year's October "minicrash."

Alf things considered, the market is acting very well, said James Andrews, James Montgomery Scott's head of institutional trading, "it's showing character."

Some analysts said the stock market's strong performance.

mance this week was the culmination of several weeks of a surprising resiliency against orgative developments, including the collapse of brokerage Drexel Burnham Laminary

bert and turmod in Japanese financial markets.

The key was Monday, when the Japanese market got takes apart and we rallied." said one trader. Blue chips to rose 38 points on Monday despite a 4.5 per cent drop in 2.7

On Friay, Tokyo's key Nikkei index rose 227.98 points of 0.67 per cent to 34,057.56.

The US market's apparent ability to weather negative developments drew in buyers through the week, analysis

"I think people are cautiously optimistic," said Paul.

Hennessey, vice president in trading at the Boston Co. He said this week's performance "indicates that the market L.

Certainly responds very quickly."

Stocks were buoyed yesterday by higher treasury bond prices, which rose on news of a 7.1 per cent drop in US and home sales, binting that interest rates might come down.

## **Wall Street watch**

# US bulls take the driver's seat on Wall Street despite shaky Tokyo market

NEW YORK, March 3, (AP): Bulls took the driver's seat oo Wall Street this past week despite a ahaky Tokyo market and a slew of divergent economic signals.

Tokyo's problems actually helped improve the attitude toward US stocks. while iovestors decided America's economic pluses now outweigh the

"We're oot quite as bad as we had beeo viewed aix months ago ... at the same time things aren't quite as good everywhere else," said Thomas Czech, chairman of the investment committee at Blunt Ellis and Loewi Inc. in Milwaukee.

Everywhere else mainly means

Japan. The Tokyo stock market has been on a slide, which intensified Monday with its second-largest point loss ever. A 4.5 per cent drop expanded the fall in the Nikkei average of 225 Japao-ese stocks to around 14 per cent since

the start of the year.

To foreigners who for a long time have suspiciously eyed Tokyo's high price-earnings ratios, the downturn came as no surprise. Some ratios of stock prices to com-

pany earnings there had reached as high as 60 to 1, making Japanese stocks seem widely overvalued to buttoneddown US investors accustomed to far more conservative readings here. At least some of the money that has flowed out of Japanese stocks has found a home in the United States. Hugh Johnson, senior vice president

and chief investment officer at First Albany Corp., in Albany, New York, said anecdotal evidence, based on discussions with colleagues in the investment community, suggests that US investors have been pulling our of Japan. To some extent, similar manoeuvres are being carried out by Japanese and West German money man-

'This is the equity market's version of a flight to safety - the safety of lower price-earnings ratios from the exposure of high price-earnings ratios," he said. An indication that more capital is

flowing in to the United States was that the dollar soared on Friday, prompting various central banks to sell dollars on world foreign-exchaoge markets to check the currency's runup.

The US role as a safe haven was enhanced by reports that, on balance, implied the economy might be doing better than some gloom-and-doomers

A Fehruary aurvey of purchasing managers at the nation's industrial corporations, issued Thursday, showed the slowdown in the manufacturing sector eased. The National Association of Purchasing Management's widely watched index rose to 48.3 per cent in February from 45.2 per cent a month

A reading below 50 means manufacturing is declining, but the improvement from January was non-etheless encouraging. On Friday, the index of leading econ-

omic indicators, designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months ahead, showed no change in January. The flat reading followed two months of increase, but seemed to support "the view that we're in a no-boom, no-bust trajectory." Johnson of First Albany

"The message of the financial markets today is that we will miss a recession," the analyst said.

News on the leading indicators hel-

extend its winning streak to five straight sessions.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed at 2,660.36, climbing 24.77 on Friday which brought its gain for the week to 96.17 points.

the New York Stock Exchange companies stocka rose 5.62 to 184.97; the Nasdaq (1) composite index for the over-the-counter market rose 11.50 to 431.02; and, the A? American Stock Exchange's markettie

value index rose 5.02 to 356.12. Big Board volume averaged 161.600 million shares a day, up from 159.8400

million daily in the prior week.

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## **SPORTS**

# **Tewksbury** sets another world record

SASKATOON, Saskatch-ewan, March 3, (Reuter): Canadian Mark Tewkshury set his second world best in as many days when he lowered the short-course standard in the 50-metre backstroke at Canada's National Swimming Championships yester-

Tewksbury posted a time of 25.06 seconds beating the previous mark of 25.10 set less than three weeks ago by Dais-cbi Suzuki of Japan. On Thursday, the lanky Canadian set a world best of 53.69 seconds in the 100-metre backstroke.

Tewksbury said he almost lost the 50-metre record in the

"The 50 metres is just go. go, go, all the way," Tewksbury said after the race. "1 wasn't sure I could get the record, but I thought I had a good shot.

"It sure felt fantastic to dn it," the dark-haired swimmer said with a grin.

"I got in a good turn, but I jammed the touch at the end," hesaid, still dripping from the pool at the Harry Baily Aquatic Centre. "I was right on, harely on - not a millimetre to spare."

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# Sanchez consolidates position

# Agassi outplays Mayotte



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Agassi had a shaky start but still came through a winner in a round robin competition at the \$300,000 Scottsdale Open yester-

Agassi, the highest ranked player in the eight-man exhibinon, beat fellow American Tim Mayotte 2-6 6-3 6-2 after struggling to overcome a series of backhand errors.

Earlier, Emilio Sanchez of Spain consolidated his position as leader in the points standing with a 6-3 2-6 6-1 win over American Pete Sampras. Sanchez is the only player not to have lost a match. In a later match, Jay Berger defeated fellow American Aaron Krickstein 6-4 1-6-6-2.

Agassi, ranked six, fell behind quickly in the first set against the eighth ranked Mayotte, as the big-serving American attacked Agassi's error-prone backhand to win the set 6-2.

But at 2-2 in the second set, Agassi suddenly went into high gear as Mayotte's serve failed him at crucial moments.

Mayotte double-faulted to fall behind 4-2 and Agassi embarked on a streak which saw him win eight of nine straight games, tak-ing the second set 6-3 and forging 4-0 lead in the third.

Agassi pounced on Mayotte's

serve, blasting returns and pass-ing shots before Mayotte fought back hriefly to 5-2. But Agassi took the match 6-2 on his favourite sbot, a forehand win-

"The further the match went on, the more comfortable I felt," Agassi said. "I started playing much more aggressively. When I got a short ball, I wasn't scared to

do something with it." Mayotte admitted his errors cost him dearly.

"I was looking for a way to hurt him but I was just making too many errors," Mayotte said. And in Memphis, Tenn., sixth-seed Wally Masur of Australia survived the last battle of the seeds at the Memphis Indoor Tennis Tournament yesterday to reach the semifinals of the \$250,000 event.

Masur defeated 13th seed Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia 6-47-5 for the fourth semifinal berth in this upset-filled tournament. The other quarterfinal matches were

contested by unseeded players.

Masur, who led Australia to a Davis Cup victory over France last January, was to meet American Glenn Layendecker, a 5-77-66-4 winner over Finland's Veli Paloheimo in today's semifinals.

Gary Muller of South Africa and West German Michael

Muller beat fellow South African Danie Visser 7-5 7-5 to reach his first tour sensitinal ever.
Suitch defeated American
oualifier Malivai Washington 6

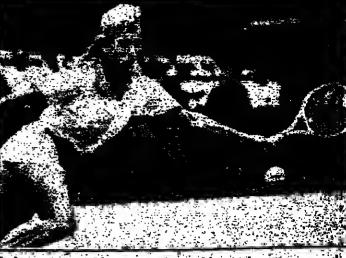
Muller, ranked 104, hopes his dream run here will carry to the

"In the beginning of the week if you told me that I'd make the quarter-finals, I might have taken it, said Muller, who had been in five quarter finals prior to this tournament. "Now that I'm in the semis, I want to go all the

Muller stopped top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden in the second round and 15th seeded American Jimmy Arias in the third round to reach the quarters. Three weeks ago, he collected another impressive win when he ousted top seed Brad Gilbert in

"What's gone against him is his inability to take every match seriously," Visser said. "He goes out there a lot of times and doesn't concentrate - he likes to try fancy shots and goof around. Maybe he's finally matured."

Paloheimo had a match point on Layendecker's serve in the 10th game of the set.



# Navratilova sails through

INDIAN WELLS, California, March 3, (Reuter): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova continued her winning ways with a 6-2 6-1 thumping of Nathalie Herreman of France yesterday to advance to the semifinals.

of the \$350,000 Indian Wells women's tennis tournament.

Eleventh-seeded Amy Frazier, who won a tournament in Wichita earlier this year, pulled off her second consecutive upset here when the 17-year-old American outplayed eighth seed Rosalyn Fairbank of In the semifinals Frazier meets third-seeded Helena Sukova, of

Czechoslovakia, who eliminated number 15 Isabelle Demongeot of France 6-4 6-3 in the most competitive quarterfinal match. Navratilova, who has dropped just 37 games in 12 matches this year and won two consecutive tournaments, faces fifth seed Katernia Maleeva of Bulgaria, a 6-1 6-2 winner over unseeded American

Meredith McGrath. Navratilova, ranked second in the world, had no problems will Herreman, who had difficulty passing the world number two with her sliced backhand and erratic topspin forehand strokes.

After winning all three of her matches this week in less than an hour, Navratilova said that nothing in her game could be going better.

Everything is clicking like it should. I can't really say any of my shots are not where I want them to be. I mean, some require a little tweaking, but I couldn't be more satisfied with my game now," said Navratilova.

# 2nd round Results of second round: Group B: 1. Mauro Buriat 1, 2. Dads

THE second round matches of the first rated chess tournament organised by the Filipino Chess Cluh in Kuwait "Filcheck" was held on Friday at the new Kabayan Restaurant.

In Group A. Niel Dumlao prevailed over Danny Calasin when the latter playing black pieces blundered in his 9th move of a Sicilian defence. A few moves later, Calasin had to sacrifice a bishop to save his queen but overwhelming

positional and material advantage forced Calasin to resign after 28 moves. Dumlao now has 2 points together with Ingemar Vendiola and Edwin Borigas who both won over Romy Velayo and Rene Mostrales respectively. .

In Group B, newcomers Dads Pates. Jun Alejandro and Alex Espedilla continue to dominate the group by beating their respective opponents. All has two wins together with oldtimer Gil Opiana Jr outwitted Ahmad Hus-



Filcheck members during Friday's games.

sain in a queen's gambit decline. As per tournament rules, the following participants who have defaulted two consecutive matches are considered withdrawn from the rest of the games: Chito Barrios, Wahab Alamada, Jigs Acodisen, Noney Caro, Vic Corpuz and Robert Daiz, Mon Cortado and Roiny Velaya have signified their intention to withdraw and has been accepted by the

board.
The champion and the three runners-up of both group will each receive valuable gift items from Adawliah Electronics, distributor of Kasparov Chess Computers and Seven-Up Bottling Company and a trophy donated

by Trico (No-Kilo) International The third game of the 7-round Swiss system tournament will be played as scheduled on Friday, March 9 at the Kabayan Res-

Third round schedule Friday,

(9.00 am)

Mel Espinosa 0, 5. Hussain Ahmad 1, 6. Robert Vargas 1, 7. Jun Emntan 0, 8. Gil Opiana Jr. 2. MARBELIA Spain, March & (Reuter): Britain's Ian Woosnam marked his 32nd birthday by sezzing 9: Bernard de los Reyes 1, 10. Nilo Magtangoh I. 11. Jiga Acodisen (withdrawn), 13. Nonoy Caro (withdrawn), 14. Dedi Herras J., 15. Rolly Mercado 1:5, 16: Stan-ley Sawit I. 5, 17. Jun Alejandro 2, 18. Bamra Bucay 0, 19. Alex-Espedilla 2, 20. Fred Marasigan 0, the balfway lead in the Mediterrapean Open golf tournament on a day when Severiano Ballesteros figured in a slow play complaint. Ballesteros, Ireland's Eamoun-Darcy and playing partner Vijay Singh of Fiji were the subject of an official slow play complaint by Brit-ish Ryder Cup international Ken Brown during yesterday's second 21. Vic Corpus (withdrawn), 22. Robert Daiz (withdrawn). Group A: 1. Thony Monreal 1.5, 2. Saniny Aurellano 1, 3. Niel round.

Brown, fined £250 (\$412) for slow play in last weekend's Desert Classic Dumlao 2, 4. Jess Betgnen 0.5, 5. Romy Pagaduan 0.5, 6. Chito Barrios (withdrawn), 7. Rene n Dubal, was playing behind the trio and said: "They were 25 minutes behind the match in front of them

Pates 2, 3. Diony Bartolome 1, 4.

9. Ariel Maninez J. 10. Ramon Cortado (withdrawn), II. Ingenar Vendiola 2: 12 Rolly Boado 0, 13: Radiog Moje 1, 14. Nanding Policarpio 1.5 15 Arnel Materino 0 5 16 Decide Calerin and we had to wait all the way. You can't have ine rule for the rest of the and another for Ballesteros. tor John Paramour took no action, admitting the three players were timed for seven holes but insisting Matutino 0.5, 16. Danilo Calasin

I, 17. Rey Mangomong 0, 18 Edwin Borigas, 2, 19. Ver Farrales 1, 20. Romy Velayo 1, 21. Wahab Alamada (withdrawn), 22. Rey Cortez I.

Mostrales 1, 8. Ali Maca-ayan 1,

Meanwhile, Filcheck would like to congratulate its auditor, 16 Thony Monreal for winning the 22 Third National Day Open Chess Championship organised by the Kuwait Chess Federation

Woosnam, meanwhile, product a repeat of his opening 68 to take a two-stroke lead in the £400,000 (\$660,000) event at Las Brisas. The Welsh Ryder Cup player, making his first appearance of the season, took advantage of calmer conditions in early morning to collect three birdies and an eagle to move

new pace-of-play charter.

European PGA tournament direc-

there were no breaches of the Tour's

Woosnam

hits 68 for

2-shot lead

cight-under-par on a total of 136.
Woosnam captured the lead from fellow Briton Mark James, who returned a 71 in the high winds that blew up later in the day and now that the second returned a 71 in the high winds that shares second spot on 138 with Spain's Miguel Martin (69). Neal Briggs of Britain, who gained

his European Tour card by topping last year's satellite circuit Order of Merit, shot 69 to share fourth place on 141 with Argentina's Eduardo Romero and Swede Mats Lanner, who had 71s, and Zimbabwe's Mark

who had 71s, and Zimbabwe's Mark
McNulty, who shot 69.
Ballesteros dropped two strokes in
the last four holes for a 74 and jellst
17th place on the level par 144 mark.
Darcy, winner of the Desert Classic, also shot 74 for the exact quality

# Kemper Open

MAUI, Hawaii, March 3, (Reuter): Mitzi Edge held up strong against 48-kph winds to shoot a steady, even-par 71 for a two-stroke lead over Laura Davies of Britain after two round of the \$500,000 Women's Kemper Open golf tournament.

Edge, one of a trio sharing the overnight lead, stood at three-under-par 139. Davies also played an even-par round to stand at 141.

Cathy Gerring, after another 71, was one stroke behind Davies

# Azinger, Couples share top spot

MIAMI, March 3, (Reuter): Paul Azinger used a blistering start to shoot a 66 that left him tied with Fred Couples at 10-under-par 134 after two rounds of the \$1.4 million Doral Open golf tournament yesterday.

Couples, winner of the Los Angeles Open last week, shot his second straight 67 over the Doral Country Club course for his share of the lead.

British Open champion Mark Calcavecchia added a 67 to his opening day 68 to stand alone at 135. Tom Purtzer was two more shots back after a

Azinger started with an eagle on the first hole and birdies on the second and third. He also closed fast with birdies at the 16th and 18th holes.

"There's room for improvement," Azinger said. "But I chipped and putted well today."

For his eagle on the 514-yard first hole, Azinger hit a 5-iron second shot to within nine feet and holed

Couples also started strong. He birdied four of the first eight holes and added another at the 1 lth. After a bogoy at 13 he came back with a 10-foot birdie putt

# ing score of 149.

# Prost and Ferrari to challenge McLaren closely followed by Williams and

LONDON, March 3, (Reuter): World champion Alain Prost's close season move from McLaren to Ferrari has ensured that the 1990 Formula One World Championship, which opens in Phoenix, Arizona on March 11, will provide another year of fierce rivalry between the two leading teams and their Prost, who clinched his third

crown in acrimonious circumstances at last October's Japanese Grand Prix, felt his 1989 triumph had a hollow ring after the disqualification and subsequent appeals and punishment of Brazilian Ayrton Senna.

Now, fired by his move to join the famous Italian team, he is determined to help Ferrari claim their first constructors' triumph since 1983 and first drivers' title since South African Jody Scheckter's win in 1979. 'Now McLarenis in my past,"

he sid. "I really feel part of Ferrari. Of course, I want to win the drivers' title myself — but the main thing for me this year is to see Ferrari beat McLaren to win

the team title.
"If Nigel (Mansell) wins the drivers' title instead of me, it will still be a victory for me to be a part of the winning team. Nigel and I have been friends for a long time and we think the same way about motor racing."

Without saying so, Prost retains a powerful determination



session at the Estcril track in Lisbon. (Reuter wirephoto)

team-mate and rival Senna and also to assist in ending Honda's domination of Formula One in recent years.

any affection, by their rivals.

McLaren, however, will

Senna (right) listens to a McLaren technician before a private test

to out-race his former McLaren

The Japanese manufacturers supply the engines which have powered McLaren, and previously Williams, to their triumphs of the last four years. They are respected, but without

Having signed Austrian Ger-hard Berger from Ferrari as a direct replacement for Prost. they can boast a formidable, driver line-up in Senna and Ber-ger, a car and team of proven speed, efficiency and reliability.

Honda V-10.

Ferrari, with Prost alongside
Briton Mansell in a revamped team with a modified car and improved engine power, are likely to be their closest challengers.

and the best power-unit in the

Benetton.

Williams, after a settling-in year with Renault engines, will this year be hoping for more than the two Grand Prix wins they achieved last year in Canada and Australia. They have retained last year's driver line-up of Bel-gian Thierry Boutsen and Italian Riccardo Patrese.

Benetton, having signed former champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil to team up with Italian Alessandro Nannini, will also hope to improve on last year's performance which saw them record their second win in the controversial race at Suzuka.

The team have been boosted by the arrival of John Barnard. formerly chief designer at Ferrari, whose long-term work and revisions to the current car will ensure improvements in han-dling and could see them emerge as the most serious threat to the McLaren-Ferrari domination

this year. Barnard himself expects to see Ferrari challenge very strongly for the championship this year in the car he designed for them.

"I would have liked to stay on

and do some development work for them, hut it did not work out that way. I think they (Ferrari) have a very good chance of win-ning the championship this year and I like to think I played a significant part in that."

A number of other close-

season moves have changed the face of Grand Prix racing since the rain-hit Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide last November. Lotus, who last year endured

one of the worst seasons, have completely rewarded their team.

two new drivers in Britons Derek

They will start the season with

Warwick and Martin Donnelly and a new engine in the Lambor-ghini V-12, which proved full of promise in its first season with Lola last year. Tyrrell have also undergone several changes and will begin with former Lorus driver Satoru-

Nakajima of Japan partnering Frenchman Jean Alesi in one of the sleekest cars of all.

Arrows, hugely disappointing last year, have replaced Warwick and American Eddie Cheever with two Italians in Michele Alboreto and Alex Caffi.

Like Tyrrell, who will have Honda engines in 1991, they are planning ahead to next year, when they will have Porsahe power, but they could be one of the surprises this season with a vastly-improved chassis and resurgent enthusiasm following the team's purchase by a Japan esse company.

ese company.
It will be less surprising, however, to see the sport plunged once against into the sort of controversy which dodged it last year after a series of incidents involving Senna, Mansell and



Dominique Wilkins scored a leason high 44 points and hit his last 13 shots in a 19-for-22 per-least 13 shots in a 19-for-22 per-Hawks to their fifth consecutive victory, 132-110 over the Milwaukee Bucks last night.

Wilkins 3 pointer with 6:01 left in the third quarter broke a 70-70 tie and started an II-0 run hat put the Hawks in front to stay. Wilkins had two other baskets in that run.

Atlanta had a 117-101 lead when Wilkins left the game with 3:45 left. His previous best this. season was 38 points at Philadel-phia on Dec 13:

Greg Anderson and Ricky Pierce led the Bucks with 24 points a piece. Celtics 122, Heat 110

Kevin McHale scored 22 his 26 points in the second half, including nine during a key thirdperiod run, as Boston beat Miami for its fourth consecutive

Larry Bird had 28 points for the Celtics, who outscored the Heat 26-8 at the free-throw line and matched their longest winning streak of the season.

The Heat, who got 25 points from Rony Seikaly, outscored the Celtics 8-2 to trail only 72-66 early in the third quarter. But McHale sparked a 15-5 spurt that allowed Boston to regain control, and the Celtics led by at least 12 points the rest of the way. Pistons 115, 76ers 112

Joe Dumars scored a seasonhigh 34 points and Detroit came back from a four-point deficit in the last six seconds of regulation o beat Philadelphia in overtime. Dumars, averaging better than 90 per cent from the line, made 13 of 14 from the line in regulation and all five in over-

The Pistons improved to 26-3 at home and have won 17 of their last 18 games overall.

time as Detroit beat the Sixers for

the first time in three tries this

Charles Barkley led the 76ers with 26 points. ... Bulle 112, Note 91

Michael Jordan and Scottle Pippen each scored 23 points as Chicago defeated New Jersey "112-91 for-its seventh consecutive victory and the Nets' 18th loss in 19 games.

Results

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# Alderman named Man of the Match

# Australia beat India



Indian wickelkeeper Kiran More (left) runs out Australia's lan Healy. (Rauter wirephoto)



Alderman (right) congratulates Mark Taylor after he caught India's Wookeri Raman. (Reuter wiraphoto)

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, March 3, (Reuter): Australia beat India today ma tense one-day cricket match in which tighl bowling kept down scoring by either side.

Australia, batting first on a good bowling wieket, were held to 187 for nine in their allotted 50 overs, with Allan Border and Dean Jones putting up their side's highest stand of 41. India were all out for 169. The Australians were helped to a fighting total by a useful 25 from lan Healy in the closing overs.

India began badly, losing both openers by the seventh over. Terry Alderman, named Man of the Match, then reduced them to 23 for three before coming back to turn the game decisively by taking the

wicket of Kapil Dev in the 41st over. Before Alderman's return, a quick stand of 44 by Kapil Dev and Manoj Prabhakar had revived Indian hopes and opened up the game. Kapil Dev fell to a catch by Jones and in the next over Prabhakar was

caught at deep point by Steve Waugh off Carl Rackemann. Alderman had Kiran More caught by Greg Campbell, and wrapped up the game by bowling Atul Wassan with five overs still to go. He finished with the impressive figures of five for 32 off his 10 overs. Australia meet' New Zealand tomorrow in what should be a keen

tussle for the lead in the triangular series. A decision will be made tomorrow on whether New Zealand pace bowler Richard Hadlee, suffering a hamstring problem, will play.

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Prabhakar .

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"We simply cannut produce a crick-eter like Mark Taylor with our struc-

ture. Taylor went straight from

Shield cricket to international cricket

scoring 700 runs in his first season...

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the best bowler in the world plus our

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wickets we don't have the batsmen to

Imran Khan also mentioned the

plus points of the Pakistan team. These were according to him in the

shape of Wasim Akram whose per-

formance he described as "outstand-

ing" and in the shape of young fast

bowler Waqar Yunus and young spinner Mushtaq Ahmed. Both of

whom performed better than others.

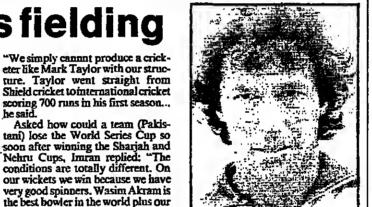
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K. Mnra c Campbell b Alderman ... 8 A. Wassan b Alderman N. Hirwani not out .. Extras (b-4, lb-2, w-3, nb-7) ... Total (ail out in 45 overs) ...... 169 Fall of wickets: 1-52-143-234-755-

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Imran Khan could Pakisian become a really dependable and outstanding world class team, Imran Khan said the answer lay in the reorganisation of first class ericket on regional hasis. Today cricket is played only at two places - Lahore and Karachi. Every city should have its own first class playing ground. Inter-city and intraa period of time the type of team the nation wanted today," he said.

once again reasserted bis supremacy over Mr X as he led his team with 18 points, and

several rebounds plus blocked

Litodela Cruz, the 1987 KPK-

MVP ably supported him with 18 points. Other KPBC top scorers

were Barcelona with 14, the Car-nation Baby-Domingo 13 and Arganoza 12. In its losing effort

KHC-Bayan was paced by Mr X-Ortega with 27, Lising 12,

Rosales 10, Abubo 7 and

Maquesias 6.
The Mabuhay Best Player of

the Game was Lito de la Cruz for

his fine court gereralship of his

team, not to mention bis 18

points and several assists.

The KPBL moves to its 4th

playing day this coming Friday, March 9, 1990 with four games

starting at 9:00 am. Friday's schedule is as follows: 9:00 am

KAI vs Overland (2); 10:30 am KRP vs Nissan (I); 12:00 noon KPBC vs KDD (2); and 1:30 pm

A KPBL meeting will be held today at the Mahubay Res-

taurant at 7 pm. All concerned

individuals have been asked to

attend this crucial meeting that

will centre on the following: 1.

Games and schedules; 2. Special

Ilave 1-2-9; 3. KPBL/Pizza Italia

All Star game/March 23, 1990; 4.

KPBL All Filipino basketball

team; 5. Other KPBL projects;

Trico vs Al Ghanim (1).

KPBL meeting

# Participants of the PBAK Ooubles Tournament

# PBAK officers inducted

THE Philippine Bowling Association in Kuwait (PBAK) held the induction of its officers for the year 1990-91 at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel. The event made formal the assumption of the different responsibilities of the elected officers led hy president-elect Jimmy Tadena.

The ceremonies started with a welcome address from the guest speaker Fabd Al Ajmi, the secretary-general of the Kuwait Bowling Federation followed hy a farewell message from the outgoing PBAK executive vice-president Ms Cora Paras, who did the honours on behalf of former PBAK president, Rico Pino.

As his first official task as PBAK president, Jimmy Tadena delivered an inspirational message and an overview of what be intends to accomplish in the duration of his term. He also paid tribute to the past officers for doing a very remarkable job in promoting unity not only among the Filipinos but also among members of varying nationalities.

To conclude the induction rites, Fahd Al Ajmi led the new officers in taking their oath and afterwards he presented to Jimmy Tadena a souvenir from the Kuwait Bowling Federation. As part of the programme hosted by Marie Palacios and Simon Jude Rivera. the Mahuhay dancers as well as Manny Regalario disbed out entertainment numbers to the delight of the crowd.

The people responsible for the affair were headed by VP for social affairs Baby Penalosa assisted by Rudy Zablan, Flor Tongson, Tony Lacson, Ernie Landrito, Joe Bilog, Gil Cusi, Danny Nabong, Bhe and Bennie Guiamoy.

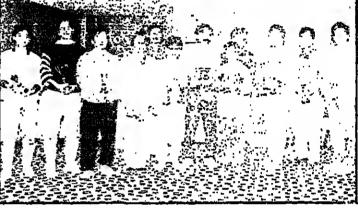
And for its first project PBAK '90 held its first tournament the Kuwait National Day-PBAK Doubles Tournament at the Holiday Inn bowling lanes on Feh 23-25. The format for both men and women's divisions called for the doubles partner to play a 4game series each and the total score counted as their final score.

For the first time PBAK adapted the multiple entry system but in this case each player had to play with a different partner each time he or she played. During the three-day tourney.

all the available slots were taken which clearly showed the success nf this year's initial event of PBAK. After all the excitement and fund drito, Jimmy Tadena, Joe Bilog, Burt Ramos, Flor Tongson and Sonny Mariano but most of all to all the members who have kept on

The PBAK, its officers and

Tadena (right) receives a plaque from Ai Ajmi,



Celso Estrada (centre) with other winners.

and with the scores tallied, the winners were as follows:

Men's division: Champion: Mar -Evangelista and Anukul Sae Tang (1518), 1st Runner-up: Tony Lacson and Ed Deleon (1491), 2nd Runner-up: Beda Borja and Ernie Landrito (1463), 3rd Runner-up: Flor Tongson and Beda Borja (1426). High game: Burt Ramos and Tony Lacson (432).

tournament can also be attributed to the organising committee led by tournament chairman Ernie Lansupporting all the activities of the

Women's division: Champion: Lynne Reyes and Eva Sabab (1346), Runner-up: Arleen Bon-ecillo and Nitz Alinea (1270), High game: Lynne Reyes and Eva Sahay (380). The successful outcome of this

members would also like to extend their congratulations to Celso Estrada for winning the Kuwait National Day Open Bowling Championship, beld at the Kuwait Oil Company Sports Centre. The event beld under the auspices of the Kuwait Bowling Federation was participated in by a number of top class bowlers with no less than the bowling World Cup champion from Qalar also joining the fray.

Celso's win was indeed a feat to remember and be proud of not only by PBAK but the wbole Filipino community as well. Eva Sabay almost made it a double for the PBAK bowlers after she narrowly missed the title in the women's group by a mere two pin difference. But that don't spell any difference for she also was a champion in her own right and she too made the Filipino bowlers proud. Coming up next! The Al

Ghanim Open bnwling tournament. Watch out for further details and information.

# EEI, Overland, Al Ghanim, KPBC win hit their stride. The "Macho-Man from Adan" Edwin Castro,

Imran slams team's fielding

3-match series. In the World Series Cup it lost both the best of three

Sri Lanka team which also toured

Australia during the same period did better than Pakistan against Shield teams, he said and admitted that Sri

Lankan performance against Shield

sides was far superior to that of Pak-

Discussing the other major cause of batting failure, Imran said: "All I

can say is that if three top players are

missing from our side, we cannot even beat a youth team let alone a

Shield team minus its Test players."

structure on a proper footing we will decline as a cricketing power," Imran said, adding: "And that decline has

A glaring example, lmran Khan went on to say, was "our batting," According to him Pakistan's class

players of the 1970s were the batsmen

produced hy the country cricket. He said Pakistan used Test cricket

to train and teach because first class

cricket is incapable of doing that

"Unless we put our first class

finals to Australia.

already begun."

THE Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) continued its elimination round schedules on Friday drawing the usual basketball crowd despite the prevailing bad weather.
In the first game, EEI

streaked to its second straight win at the expense of Nissan Al Babtain, 117-83. In the first half of the match, EEI 5 had their hands full with the Nissan quintet. The combination of Detera, Espinosa, Perez, Abajero and Sarcia prove effective as they slowed down the pace enroute to a half-time deficit of only one point (44-43).

Early in the second half. Nissan even took the driver's seat 45-44 with time remaining at 19 minutes and 43 seconds. This, however, was their last time to taste the lead as they committed the mistake of keeping in tempo with their opponent. Using its height advantage and their fast-break plays, EEI exploded for 73 2nd half points, compared to Nissan's 40 points. With Garcia orchestrating the EEI plays they raced to a 20 points advantage 578-58 which ballooned to 34 at the sound of the final buzzer.

Top scorers on the EEI side owere Garcia 19, Zalavarria 18, Dingson 18, Tuadles 16, Alojado 15, Lngo 14 and Molina 8. The Nissan quintet was led by Detera 21; Abajero 20, F. Perez 19, Espinosa 10 and Batac 6.

The Mabuhay Best Player of the Game was Arnel "Rambo" Dingson, for his all-round briliance throughout the entire game: Besides scoring 18 points, be was instrumental in starting the EEI fastbreaks as he hauled down as many number of rebounds as the points that he scored.

## Regulation

r. The second game between **KDD** and Overland Transport Co was a right contest compared to the first game. Overland, capitalising on an undermanned KDD 5 squeaked past its Apponent on split charities by Moya (82-81) with a 2 seconds left in regulation time. The result of the game however was immediately placed under Protest by the KDD 5 who poor performance by the referees in the crucial moments of the

trouble compounded by numerous fancy plays led to errors enabled the Overland

the a ballgame, and KDD on top by 4 points, Overland's Martinez scored on a jumper from left quartet court bringing down KDD's lead to 2 points (81-79). In the ensuing play, KDD failed to convert and Overland's Ramalla scored the equaliser.
KDD had the chance to wrap it
up with 14 seconds left, but Gutierrez No. 2 of KDD elected to dribble from court to court instead of giving it to his pointguards Dominguez and Francisco. He eventually lost the ball. and Santos was able to rifle a pass to team-mate Moya for a fouled attempt under the basket with 2 seconds left. Moya made his first free throw and wisely missed the 2nd, for his team's 1st win in 2 outings. Overland was paced by



claimed that their loss was due to

ISLAMABAD, March 3, (Kuna); Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan

has said the Pakistan cricket team is

the poorest fielding side in the crick-

eting world, poor in ground fielding as well as eatching This was one of the major reasons

for its defeat in the just concluded

tour of Australia, he said in a publi-

shed interview yesterday.

Analysing the tour, the 38-year-

old skipper particularly mentioned the second final of the World Series

Cup match against Australia when "our fielding was literally worse than that of a club."

About the Test series Imran said

that it was a story of dropped catches.
"We were hard done hy crucial timpiring decisions in the first match

but nothing can excuse our fielding."

Australia, on the other hand, took

some brilliant catches, including that

of Ijaz Ahmed by Geoff Marsh in Melbourne, he said.

quietly and unceremoniously after losing Test series to Australia 1-0 ma

Pakistan arrived home yesterday

he remarked.

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The first half saw KDD enjoying a 12 points lead (41-29) despite its 7 man line-up. "Rookie" Linganay presided over the KDD offensive as he scored 16 1st-half points including 2 threepoint shots and his team's first 8 markers. In the 2nd-half, foul squad to close in. "Billy Ray" Navarro, held to only 9 1st-half points exploded for 21 and anchored his team to a protestmarred bairline victory over

With less than a minute left in



"Billy Ray" Navarro with 30 points, Pineda 22, Santos 9, Moya and Ramalla 6 apiece. KDD was led by Gutierrez and Linganay with 24 each, DHL Ramirez 12, Dominguez 8, Ruc 7. Pizarro was a big disappointment as he managed to score only

The Mabuhay Best Player of the Game was "Billy Ray" Navarro for his game-high 30 points output.

4 points during the entire ball-

## Enjoying

The third game was between opening day losers Al Chanim Freight and KRP-Kuwait Regency Palace. The contest was another cardiae game as favoured Al Ghanim had their hands full in containing "Speedy" Bolito. The first balf ended with Al Gbanim enjoying a 4-point lead (41-37). Speedy Bolito had 18 1st-half points supported by Osorio with 11.
In the second half, both teams

matched their half-time output and when the final born sounded Al Ghanim was on top by 8 points (82-74). Nelson Garcia, twin-brother of EEI's Rey Garcia was the key man for Al Ghanim as he led them with 28 points despite being saddled with 4 personal fouls. He was ably supported by Ungco 18, Velasco 17, Dayao 10 and Zamora 3. KRP was again led by Speedy Bolito with 34 points. Only one player was able to score in twin digits that resulted in their bow-



ing out to their opponent Al Ghanim. Osorio managed to belp Bolito with 17 markers but a 2-man game was not enough. The Mabuhay Best Player of

the Game was Al Ghanim's Ncison Garcia for his 28 points performance not to mention the several assists he had given to Ungco and his other team-mates. The fourth and final game of the day was between Group 2

leaders, KPBC and KHC-Bayan. KPBC blasted the Mr X led KHC-Bayan. Final score was In the first half of this match

KPBC successfully contained Mr X to only 5 1st-balf points. KPBC's No.33 "Kareem Abdul" Manuel was instrumental for Mr X's low output as he shadowed him wherever be went. KPBC bowever concentrated too much on this show-boating player and left the other KHC boys unmarked. Maquesias, Camacho, Soliman, Rosales and Lising combined for a total of 26 lst-half markers to keep them within striking distance of their virtual conquerors, halftime score was 37-32 in favour of KPBC.

The 2nd half was a same sequence as their first encounter in the recently held KPBL-One Day Championship. KPBC, asserting its strength under the boards exploded for 60 2nd-half points compared to KHC's 41. Mr X was able to score 22-2nd half markers, but this was not enough as KPBC's first stringers





## Kasparov and Gelfand lead

LINARES, Spain, March 3, (Reuter): Soviet world champion Garry Kasparov and fellow countryman Boris Gelfand sbared the lead going into the last round of the Linares chess tournament today.

Four matches adjourned from

previous rounds were played yes-terday, with the two Soviets leading the field with seven points. Gelfand lost his adjourned nintb round game against Artur Yusupov, also of the Soviet Union, hut defeated Ljubomir Ljubolevic of Yogoslavia.

In another adjourned game Miguel Illescas (Spain) drew with Lajos Portisch (Hungary).

# **Trump sues Douglas** NEW YORK, March 3.

(Reuter): The tangled Mike Tyson-James Buster, Douglas affair took another twist yesterday when real estate magnate Donald Trump filed a suit accusing the Mirage Casino-Hotel in Las Vegas of interfering with his right to stage a rematch.

The suit, which also names Douglas and bis manager John Johnson, says Trump had a hinding contract for the rematch with Don King Productions, which claims the right to promote Douglas'

next light as the new cham-

Trump asked the Manhattan Federal Court for a court order that would keep his contract intact. He added that if the Mirage interfered with his plans to stage the rematch, he would seek damages of more than \$50 million.

Douglas, who knocked out the seemingly invincible Tyson on Fehruary 11 in Tokyo, was offered S25 million by the Mirage to defend his title there against number one contender Evander Holyfield.







Under the Patronage of Sheikh Basel Salem Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah.

The Kuwait International Automobile Club ( K T is holding the 3rd Round of the

**Kuwait National Championship** on Friday 09.03.1990. The competing cars will start at 08:30 hours from the KUWAIT SEA CLUB towards SULAIBIKHAT and DOHA and are expected back to the same starting place at 17:00 hours. The Rally consists of 12 special stages. All competitors who wish to participate are kindly

asked to contact the (KT) Club before Monday 05.03.1990 in order to finish all Registration documents.

We would like to invite all our Marshals to contact

the KT Motor Sports Division as soon as possible to

finalise all preparations for the Rally. Please contact

Mr ABDULLA AL BARQAWI or Mr. SHAKER MUBARAK on Tei. 4832388 or 4832406.

# Scots win, set up Grand Slam decider with England

CARDIFF, March 3, (Reuter): Scotland beat a revitalised Wales 13-9 at Cardiff Arms Park today, setting up a Five Nations Rughy Unioo title aod Graod Slam decider with England in two weeks time.

Both sides notched a try apiece today, the difference in the score comiog from the three penalties Scottish

fly half Craig Chalmers converted to only one penalty and a conversion by Weish full back Paul Thorburn. Lock Damian Cronin stormed over

in the Welsh corner after a quarter of an hour to open the scoring with a try which Gavin Hastings just failed to

Wales, showing fresh fire under

new coach Roo Waldroo who made six changes from the side thrashed hy England at Twickenham two weeks ago, scored a try seven minutes into the secood half io a hrilliant movement involving more than half

Wing Arthur Emyr squeezed past the Scottish defence on the left at the

end of an exciting series of passes.
Play went from left to right before returning left via a sweet pass behind his back by Welsh scrum half and captain Robert Jones.

Thornhurn's conversion put Wales back in the game only one point behind at 10-9. But the Scots, unchanged so far in the championship and the more roun-ded side, held the upper hand in the last quarter and went four points clear

with Chalmers' third penalty.
Scotland and England, both imbeaten with maximum points from three outings, clash at Murrayfield on March 17. The Scots, who shared the title with France in 1986, will be look-

ing for their first Grand Slam since 1984, England their first since 1980. In Paris, France put heavy defeats by England and Scotland behind them with a 31-12 victory over I reland

Two tries from Franck Mesnel and

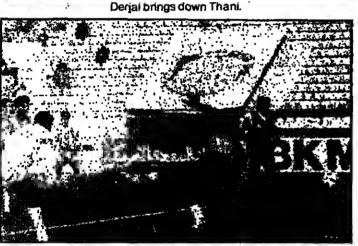
one from Patrice Lagisquet were

enough to secure a comfortable

satisfaction against an Irish team which had little to offer. The French, still in a state of shock after two manlings in a month, were far from the fluent force which dominated European Rugby Union

over the last decade.





Nasser Khamees (left) heads the ball past the Iraqi goalkeeper.

Gillespie puts

**Head coach** 

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 3, (AP): Yugoslav Velihor "Bora" Milutinovic was named

last night as the head coach for

Costa Rica's World Cup soccer

This will mark the debut in

World Cup play for this Central

American country where soccer

global power, hut a surprise is

possible because the world is full

of surprise," Milutinovic told

LONDON, March 3, (Reuter):

Defender Gary Gillespie retur-

ned from injury and made

amends for mistakes hy his

Liverpool teammates to put the

cluh back at the top of the Engl-

ish First Divisioo with a late goal

for a short reign. Championship

rivals Astoo Villa, just ooe point behind, are playing at Coventry

tomorrow and hoped to snatch

Liverpool begao with coo-

fident expectations of easily

beating struggling Millwall and extending their unbeaten run to

But things did not go all their own way against the heavily defensive London side.

But Liverpool were prepared

against Milwall today.

back the lead.

17 matches.

"Costa Rica will oot be a

is a national passion.

# Iraq hold UAE to 2-2 draw

# Cup holders share top spot with Kuwait

HOLDERS Iraq and World Cup finalists United Arab Emirates played to an exciting 2-2 draw yesterday in their 10th Arah Gulf Cup match at Kuwait's Peace

and Friendship stadium. Nasser Khamees, showing elimpses of his return to form. put UAE ahead in the 5th mioote with a powerful header. Ahmad Radi replied for Iraq 20 minutes later with a shot from outside the penalty box to put Iraq oo equal

One minute into the injury time of the first half, Iraqi defender Adnan Derjal brought down UAE striker Ali Thani in the penalty area and Thani himself cooverted the resultant penalty to put UAE ahead 2-1. Derjal was later sent off for protesting against the referee's decision.

The second half was more exciting although fraq played with 10 meo. The fraqis, however, managed to get a welldeserved equaliser just one min-ute from the final whistle when a UAE defender pulled down an Iraqi striker in the penalty box and Saad Qais converted easily from the spot.

UAE began the match without two of their main strikers, Fahd Khamees and Zuhair Bakheet, out through injury. They also missed their star midfield player, Fahd Abdul Rahman, also through injury. In the third minute, Nasser Khamees shot from long range and hit the post. Two minutes later, Khamees headed home a good pass in front of the

Realizing the danger of a determined UAE team, the Iraqis organised their lines and launched a number of organized attacks. They mainly depended

amism" into the sport.

feeling the time was oot ripe.

to fans," he said.

against the run of play in the 56th

The mood turned ugly when

Arsenal, knocked out of the

minute.

.azaroni favours Havelange's proposal

SAO PAULO, March 3. (Reuter): Brazilian fellow Brazilian Havelange io last Sunday's O studying, examiniog and authorising a test,"

Lazaroni suggested that the idea be tried

out on jumior teams. "It is necessary to test the

theory in practice to evaluate the reactions of

those involved in a soccer match from players

minute quarters had been around for oearly

20 years. He said he had originally resisted it,

"But with the evolution of time, experience and needs, I think it would be worthwhile

Havelange told O Globo the notice of 25-

oo the elegant veteran midfield player Nateq Hashem and the dangerous movements of Ahmad Radhi

The Iraqis displayed through true skills particularly in the secood half and missed a number of golden opportunities. Hashem missed an easy chance when he was alone, only 6 metres away. His maccurate shot went for a goal kick. The Iraqis again applied their efficient strategy of opening the field playing with two wingers who came forward from midfield.

Ahmad Radhi in particular posed a continuous threat for the shaky UAE defence. They were greatly helped by UAE shrinking back and depending on counterattacks through long balls to their strikers who failed to

threaten the Iraqi goal.
Iraq now lead the table with 4 poiots from three matches, ahead of Kuwait only on goal difference. UAE have only 3 points from three draws.

An action shot of the match.

O Globo quoted him as saying he believed

The newspaper O Estado de Sao Paulo

"The possibility of breaking a match into

25-mioute quarters is considered a heresy by European sportswriters, oor does it have

unanimous support within Fifa and it will

have difficulty wioning the backing of the

the changes would already be in place for the

1994 World Cup io the United States.

forecast opposition to the idea.

British (Soccer) Associations."



The Iraqis get their second goal. (Photos by Ahmad Burini and Munzur)

# Bargain tame Bissan IN the latest game played in the Kuwait Premier Football League,

Bargain House returned to winning form with a hard carned victory over Bissan this week. Bargain House went into the game without several key players, this

resulted in them having to make a number of positional changes, one of which saw centre forward Dave Ball donning the goal-keepers jersey. Having started the game with only 10 men, Bargain House's problems were compounded after little more than 10 minutes when their influential mid-field player Karl Royle had to leave the field with a pulled muscle. Bissan gained the upper hand at this stage, and their pressure was rewarded with the first goal of the game. This setback anneared to sour the Bargain House team, who destrict being outnumappeared to spur the Bargain House team, who despite being outnumbered began to create the better scoring chances. Their efforts were rewarded shortly before half-time when a shot by Mahyer put them

Bissan's numerical advantage gave them the better of early exchanges in the second half and it was only good play by the overworked Bargain House defence which kept them at bay.

As the second half wore on the charcter of the Bargain House team again came to the fore and they began to take the game to the opposition. Their efforts paid dividend when hard-working midfielder. Craig Swain drove the ball into the net to give his team a 2-1 lead. The game, however, was still open at this stage and it took a second goal from the dame player to put the issue beyond doubt. The goal itself was worthy of winning this or any other game, the ball being struck from well outside the penalty area with such power and accuracy that the Bissan goal-keeper could only look on as it thundered into the back of

No further goals were scored and the final whistle was blown with the score standing at Bargain House 3 Bissan 1.

ALGIERS, March 3, (Reuter): Rabah Madjer and Djamei Menad scored two goals apiece to lead Algeria to an emphatic 5-1 victory over Nigeria in the opening match of the 17th African Nations Cup soccer

tournament yesterday.

Algeria, hampered by heavy winds, went ahead in the 35th minute. when an excellent pass from Cherif Oudjani set up Madjer, but they were unable to score again before the

interval.

Madjer netted his second goal in the 59th minute, unleashing an Algerian goal spree. Mensd scored in the 69th and 72nd minutes in quick

counter-attacks with Madjer. The Algerians could have increased their lead but Oudjani and Djamel Amani both mis The Nigerians hit back with a con

solation goal by Okasha in the 82nd Mohamed Rahim, promising new-comer in the Algerian squadeame on 10 minutes from the end and gave new inspiration to his side. Amani brought 55,000 screaming fans to their feet with a final goal with

three minutes to spare. The Ivory Coast beat Egypt 3-1 (half-time 0-0) today in Group A of the African Nations Cup.

# mueller upset Olympic champion Ulf Timmermann today to win the men's shot put title at the European Indoor Athletics Championships. Boden mueller improved his previous best indoor mark by 35 centimetres with his final putt of 21.03 metres to snatch the gold medal. **Worker killed** ROME, March 3, (Reuter): A car crushed a worker to death on a building site in Rome today, the 16th fatal accident involving projects for next summer's World Cup in Italy. Police said 57-year-old Michele Cossi died on the site of a new railway station in southern Rome which will link the Airport in time for the mouth-los

European athletics GLASGOW, March 3, (Renter 18 Austrian soldier Klaus Boden

French soccer PARIS, March 3, (Reuter): Result of a French First Division soccer match

yesterday: Monaco 2 Paris St Germain ( Random attack LONDON, March 3, (UPI): British boxer Nigel Benn was sprayed in the face with ammonia in an apparently random attack, and may have to gain medical elearance before his

proposed World Boxing Organisa-tion middleweight challenge against American Doug de Witt can go ahead, officials said today. Asian meet KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, March 3, (AP): The minth Asian Track and Field Athletics Cham-pionships (ATF) will be staged by Malaysia from Oct 15-20, 1991.

Proposed tour CARDIFF, March 3, (Renter): The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) are to resume full playing relationships with Argentina, clearing the way for Wales to fulfil a proposed tour of the South American country after the

1991 World Cup. Tauson wins ROTTERDAM, March 3, (Reuter):

Denmark's hard-hitting but low-rocking bestlitter Michael. Tauson beat fifth seed Magnus Gustafison of Sweden 6-3 1-6 7-6 (7-5) yesterday to win a place in the semimals of the 900,000 guilder (\$473,000) Rotter, dam Indoor Tenuis Tournament. Davis Cup

CHICAGO, March 3, (AP) Bride Gilbert, the No. 4 ranked player in the world, will represent the United-States against Czechoslovakia in Davis Cup play the week of March mounced yesterday. 26. it was as

W. German soccer BONN, March 3, (Reuter): Results of West German First Division soccer mit-cles yesterday: Bayer L · Dortmund Duesseldorf Statigart Bayer U Bayern M 2 Played on Friday: St Panii 1 Waldboi M

Werder Bremen 0 FC Homburn Jahangir beaten

MADRID, March 3, (Reuter) Semifinals results in the Spanish Open squash tournament today (prefix number denotes seeding): Rodney Martin (Australia) beat 2: Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) 15-13 15-12 15-2; 1-Jansher Khan (Pakistan) beat 4-Chris Robertson (Australia) 15-10 15-12 15-13.





Britain's Lloyd Honayghan (left) and United States Mark Breland at their weigh-in before their World Boxing Association weiterweight title fight last night. Honeygan took the opportunity of the weigh-in to blast Breland for earning his title by fighting a South African. (Reuter wirepholo)

**Argentinian star** 

Argentinian international soccer star Diego Maradona with his wifa Claudia and daughter Dalmita at the Italian San Remo (Italy) Song Festival on Friday evening. (Reuter wirephoto)

England striker Peter Beardsley shot wide from a penalty only two minutes into the match John Barnes hit the bar, and both Welsh international Ian Rush

Champions Arsenal saw their hopes of retaining the title wither wheo they suffered their ninth away defeat of the seasoo, 2-0 to Loodoo rivals Queeo's Park Rangers.

Former Eogland midfielder Ray Wilkins put Rangers ahead

English FA Cup by Rangers in the fourth round, appealed in and Scot Steve Nicol had goals vain for a penalty, saying central defender Alan McDonald had disallowed. It was left to Gillespie to get the result Liverpool occided with just handled the ball. Two of the visiting players seven mioutes to play. were booked after arguing with referee Roger Milford who was The Scot, playing his first

said a proposal to divide matches into 25-

minute quarters should be tried to see if the

Lazaroni was quoted in Brazilian news-

papers yesterday as saying he favoured the

proposal, champiooed by loternational

Football Federation (Fifa) president Joao

Havelaoge, which would depart from the

Lazaroni said the idea, aimed at allowing

more televisioo commercials and aired by

traditional format of two 45-minute halves.

idea would work in practice.

match for three months after a hamstring injury, scored with a header from a Beardsley corner.

awkward angle. Arsenal, who had two more players booked before the match was over are now 10 points behind Liverpool, and have dropped a place to fourth, level on points with third-placed Nottingham Forest who have a bet-ter goal difference.

at the end of the match.

But the champions still have home matches to come with both

the leaders at	nd /	Aston Villa.	
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Liverpool	ı	Millwall	0
Manchester U		Luton	0
Notts Forest	ı	Manchester C	
QPR	2	Arsenal '	0
Sheffield Wed	1	Derby	3
Southampton	Ž	Chelsea	3
Tottenbam	0	Crystal P	ı
Wimbledon	3	Everton	1
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given a police escort off the pitch Played Friday: Cardiff Rangers, beaten only once in 15 games, scored agaio io the 75th minute when Roy Wegerle drove home the ball from an Abderdees Motherwell

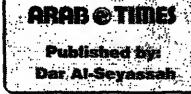
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